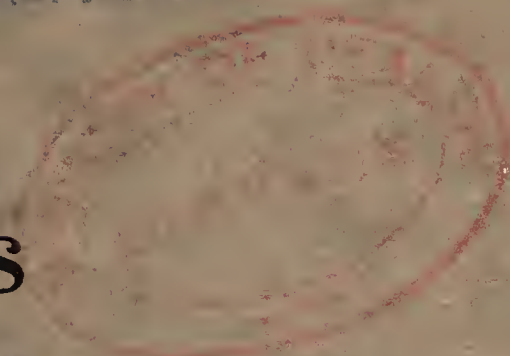


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*To the CHAIRMAN and MEMBERS of the JOINT  
COMMITTEE for the UNITED SANITARY  
DISTRICTS OF EAST BERKS.*

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GENTLEMEN,

In the latest Circular issued by the Minister of Health on the compilation of the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health, instructions are given as to the omission of certain features on the grounds of national security, hence, any reference to local populations, war-time activities, and new works of public utility are omitted in this East Berks Medical Officer of Health's Report for the year 1941.

So far as possible with these limitations the continuity of the record of the health and sanitary circumstances of the six Districts in this combination is maintained in the present Report, which constitutes the 31st of the series.

Although war-time conditions have altered the general complexion of public health work in many important respects, it is satisfactory to be able to record the fact that all essential services have been well maintained and have been equal to the additional strain put upon them.

The general health of the community has remained at its usual high level, indeed, if it were permissible to publish the customary figures, it could be shown that in comparison with other years, 1941 stands out as a "very healthy" year.

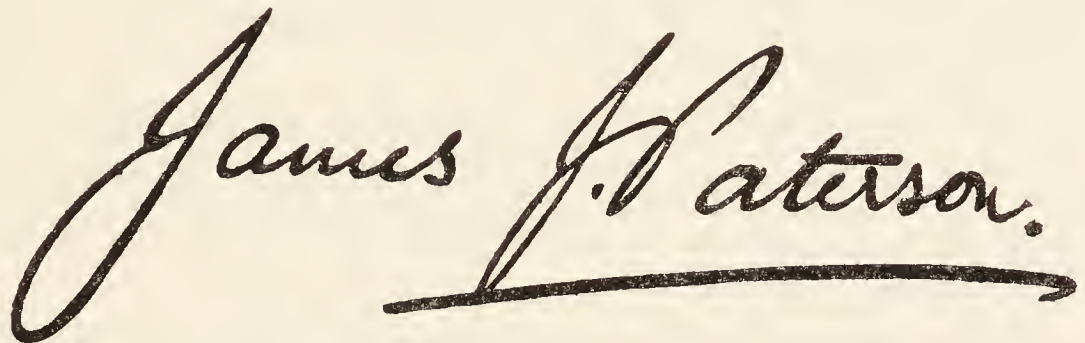
It is almost superfluous to say that the sanitary staffs have had many additional duties thrust upon them and these have been undertaken with a willingness that does much credit to their effort in the national interest. Local Authorities too, have had their administrative work increased beyond all previous bounds, but nevertheless have given due attention to requirements of the health and sanitary services. To all those concerned I offer my grateful thanks and express my appreciation

of the cordial relationship that has always existed within the circle of the East Berks Public Health Services.

The late appearance of this Report is due to circumstances too familiar to require mention and, although only a limited number of copies will be printed, there will be sufficient for distribution to those who are particularly interested in these records of Public Health.

I am Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "James J. Paterson." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a long horizontal flourish at the end.

*Medical Officer of Health.*

"The Wilderness,"

Cookham Road, Maidenhead.

(Tel. No. 549).

*August, 1942.*



# East Berks

## United Sanitary Districts.

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### CONSTITUTION OF THE DISTRICTS.

The combination of Districts in East Berks for Public Health purposes was originally effected by an Order of the (then) Local Government Board dated 10th November, 1910, in pursuance of Section 286 of the Public Health Act, 1875.

The combination then comprised Maidenhead Urban, Cookham, Easthampstead and Windsor Rural Districts, later, by a fresh Order dated 27th October, 1922, Wokingham Urban and Wokingham Rural Districts were added.

The principal details of these two Orders and sundry other matters relating to the constitution of the combined districts as well as the geological formation and social conditions of the area were given in the Report for 1930 at pages 22-30. Subsequent alterations of boundaries are described in the Report for 1938 at page 8.

The Joint Committee, consisting of a proportionate number of members from the Councils of each of the Constituent Districts, as defined in the Order of 1922, meet, as a rule, once a year on the Thursday next after the 31st day of March for the purpose of examining and passing the accounts and for authorising the apportionment of salary and expenses amongst the Districts in the manner described in the Order. Public Health matters relating to the Districts in common are also discussed.

At their Meeting in Maidenhead, which was held on the 23rd April, 1942, the following accounts ranking as expenses of office were passed for payment :—

					£	s.	d.
Printing of Annual Report	...	...	...	...	59	18	11
General Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	...	32	4	6
M.O.H. Postages	...	...	...	...	13	3	11
M.O.H. Petty Cash	...	...	...	...	2	4	3
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	...	...	...	...	19	14	1
Total for 1941-42					£127	5	8

Corresponding Total for 1940-41	...	...	£120 2 5
„ „ „ 1939-40	...	...	£159 2 6
„ „ „ 1938-39	...	...	£142 7 1
„ „ „ 1937-38	...	...	£137 17 1

# Members of the Joint Committee

## OF THE

# East Berks United Sanitary Districts

## for the Year 1942

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## STAFF.

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Office : " The Wilderness," Cookham Road, Maidenhead.  
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### Sanitary Inspectors and Assistants :

#### MAIDENHEAD U.D.

W. E. HARDING, (Cert.) R.S.I. and Meat and Other Foods Cert.,  
Sanitary Inspector, from 1st April, 1910.  
F. G. BISHOP, (Cert.) R.S.I. and Meat and Other Foods Cert.,  
Additional Sanitary Inspector, from 1st August, 1940.  
Clerk : Miss W. ELLIS, from 6th November, 1937.  
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R. R. HOLE, (Cert.) R.S.I., Chartered Surveyor and Sanitary  
Inspector, from 25th April, 1938.  
A. SWAN (Cert.) R.S.I., Additional Sanitary Inspector from 1st  
April, 1941.  
Two Clerical Assistants for combined office.  
Office : Town Hall, Wokingham.  
Telephone : Wokingham 323.

#### COOKHAM R.D.

J. H. JOYNT, (Cert.) R.S.I. and Meat and Other Foods Cert.,  
Sanitary Inspector and Building Surveyor from 1st July,  
1934.  
F. K. KNOWLES, (Cert.) R.S.I. and Meat and Other Foods Cert.,  
Additional Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor, from 29th  
September, 1941.  
Office : " Oaklands," Bath Road, Maidenhead.  
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## EASTHAMPSTEAD R.D.

H. CHARLESWORTH, (Cert.) R.S.I. and Meat and Other Foods Cert., Sanitary Inspector and Building Surveyor, from 1st June, 1934.

R. H. HEBBRON, (Cert.) R.S.I. and Meat and Other Foods Cert., Additional Sanitary Inspector, etc., from 1st October, 1940.

J. D. COLLINS, (Cert.) R.S.I. and Meat and Other Foods Cert., Additional Sanitary Inspector, etc., from 17th November, 1941.

Clerk : Miss A. J. BAILEY, from 15th July, 1940.

Office : Council Offices, Church Road, Bracknell.

Telephone : Bracknell 500.

## WINDSOR R.D.

W. H. ROWSELL, (Cert.) R.S.I. and Meat and Other Foods Cert., Sanitary Inspector and Building Surveyor, from 1st April, 1937.

Address : Council Offices, Bowden Road, Sunninghill.

Telephone : Ascot 893.

## WOKINGHAM R.D.

W. L. LONGHURST, (Cert.) R.S.I. and Meat and Other Foods Cert., Sanitary Inspector, from 1st April, 1921.

D. EVANS, (Cert.) R.S.I. and Meat and Other Foods Cert., Additional Sanitary Inspector, from 3rd March, 1937.

M. COTTRELL, (Cert.) R.S.I. and Meat and Other Foods Cert., Additional Sanitary Inspector, from 15th January, 1941.

Council Offices : Shute End, Wokingham.

Telephone : Wokingham 833/5.

# Maidenhead

## Urban Sanitary District.

### GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres) ... ..	5,026
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1941... ..	6,811
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1942 ... ..	£208,620
Sum represented by Penny Rate ... ..	£843
Outstanding Loans—Housing ... ..	£235,760
All other ... ..	£266,217

### BIRTHS.

Owing to special conditions arising out of evacuation there are a large number of temporary residents in Maidenhead and a considerable proportion of these are expectant mothers ; hence the number of births is out of all proportion to the normal population of the Borough. To adjust this the Registrar-General has supplied two sets of figures to represent the Births attributable to this District, (a) the smaller for the purpose of calculating the local Birth Rate ; and (b) the larger for calculating Infant and Maternal Mortalities. These are given in the columns marked (a) and (b) respectively in the following Table.

BIRTHS TABLE.  
MAIDENHEAD, 1941.

		<i>Male.</i>		<i>Female.</i>		<i>Total.</i>	
		(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)
Legitimate Births ... ..	...	157	188	131	177	288	365
Illegitimate Births ... ..	...	15	17	7	8	22	25
Total Live Births ... ..	...	172	205	138	185	310	390
Total Still Births ... ..	...	2	4	5		7	5

There were no illegitimates amongst the still births.

### DEATHS.

As will be seen from the Table (below) the net number of Deaths attributable to this District for the year 1941 is 367, comprising 186 males and 181 females, these figures being almost the same as in the previous



year. The chief causes of death were Heart Disease 104 cases, Cancer 53, diseases of the Blood-vessels, including Apoplexy (Stroke) 44 and Respiratory diseases, Bronchitis, Pneumonia, etc., 43. There were also 29 deaths from Violence, including 9 road accidents and 1 suicide.

Amongst the Infectious Diseases there were 10 deaths from Tuberculosis of the Lungs, 3 from Diphtheria, 6 from Influenza, 2 from Measles, 4 from Cerebro-spinal Fever and 1 from Acute Poliomyelitis (Infantile Paralysis). There were no deaths from Whooping Cough or Diarrhoea in children under 2 years of age.

### CAUSES OF DEATH IN MAIDENHEAD URBAN DISTRICT, 1941.

CAUSES OF DEATH.						Males.	Females.
ALL CAUSES						186	181
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	4	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	1	2
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	5	5
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	—	—
8.	Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	3	—
9.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	1	5
10.	Measles	...	...	...	...	2	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	—	1
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	4	2
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	5	3
15.	Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	—	7
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	21	11
17.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	1	2
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	10	20
19.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	53	51
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	6	8
21.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	6	8
22.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	14	7
23.	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	5	3
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	...	...	2	—
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	—	—
26.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	—	1
27.	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	5	5
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	...	—	7
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	...	...	...	...	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	—	1
31.	Premature birth	...	...	...	...	—	3
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	...	...	...	...	6	3
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	—	1
34.	Road traffic accident	...	...	...	...	6	3
35.	Other violent causes	...	...	...	...	8	7
36.	All other causes	...	...	...	...	18	15

## INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY.

### INFANT MORTALITY.

Amongst infants under one year of age there were 17 deaths, as against 21 in the preceding year. These referred to 15 legitimate infants and 2 illegitimate; in addition there were 9 still-births, of which none were illegitimate. There was no death from Diarrhoea under 2 years of age.

### MATERNAL MORTALITY.

There was only one death from Maternal causes.

## PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

The Public Health Staff remains the same as described in the Report for 1939 at page 14.

## LEGISLATION IN FORCE.

A full list of the Adoptive Acts, Bye-laws and Regulations in force in this District was given in the Report for 1938 at pages 38-40.

## LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The facilities for the examination of morbid specimens—swabs, etc., remains the same as described in previous Annual Reports and are the same for all the Districts in the combination. The Tables that appear below give a summary of the work done under this heading during the past year.

Specimens sent by Medical Practitioners for examination and report to the Clinical Research Association, London :

<i>Material.</i>					<i>Positive.</i>	<i>Negative.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Swabs for Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	44	423	467
Sputum for Tubercle	...	...	...	...	12	30	42
Blood for Typhoid	...	...	...	...	1	0	1
Other Specimens	...	...	...	...	3	2	5
					—	—	—
					60	455	515
					—	—	—

Swabs and other morbid specimens were sent from the Borough Isolation Hospital to the Clinical Research Association, London, for examination up to the end of September, 1940, and after that date to the Emergency Public Health Laboratory Service, Oxford.

Frequent samples of the main public water supply are taken at the Water Works and tested for bacterial purity, all of which have proved uniform and satisfactory. Apart from excessive hardness no exception can be taken to the water supplied by the Company.

Five samples of Tuberculin Tested Milk submitted to the National Institute for Research in Dairying, Reading, for examination for tubercle bacilli were found to be negative.

#### AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

Two Motor Ambulances maintained by the Maidenhead Town Council are available for general and accident cases arising in the Borough of Maidenhead and the neighbouring Rural District of Cookham. In addition, supplementary Trailer Ambulances have been acquired for use in the event of air raids. There is a special ambulance attached to the Isolation Hospital for cases of infectious disease.

#### HOME NURSING.

Nursing in the home is carried out by the Maidenhead and District Nursing Association, 3-5, Castle Hill, Maidenhead (*Tel.* Maidenhead 651), a full account of which has been given in the corresponding paragraph of previous Reports.

#### TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS.

In the Report for 1938 (pp. 42-44) a full list and general particulars of the various local Treatment Centres and Clinics in operation were given and need not be repeated, as that work is being carried on without any material change. Additional Centres and Hostels have been opened for evacuees.



## HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES.

Details of the Hospitals and Nursing Homes in this neighbourhood will be found in the Report for 1938 (pp. 44-49). Up to the beginning of September, 1940, no changes had taken place, but since then various modifications, owing to war conditions, have been introduced in the General Hospitals and some of the smaller Private Nursing Homes have been closed, but these have not caused any serious difficulties to the resident population.

A new Hospital for Minor Infectious Diseases, such as Measles, Whooping Cough, Chicken-pox, Mumps, etc., was opened on 1st October, 1941, to serve the whole of East Berks, at Aldingham House, Shoppenhanger Road, Maidenhead (*Tel.* Maidenhead 1513).

The Maidenhead Borough Isolation Hospital serves the East Berks Districts and also the Borough of Windsor. Details of Staff, etc., were given in the Report for 1939 at pages 19-20.

### *Admissions.*

The cases admitted during the year 1941 were :

<i>Districts</i>		<i>Scarlet Fever</i>	<i>Diphtheria</i>	<i>Other Cases.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Maidenhead U.D. ...	...	35	64	38	137
Wokingham U.D. ...	...	4	6	11	21
Cookham R.D. ...	...	36	13	14	63
Easthampstead R.D. ...	...	30	7	3	40
Windsor R.D. ...	...	17	4	3	24
Wokingham R.D. ...	...	30	10	14	54
*Windsor U.D. ...	...	45	3	2	50
Total, 1941 ...		197	107	85	389
,, 1940 ...		135	127	67	329
,, 1939 ...		90	150	29	269

\* Including the following cases transferred from King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor :

<i>Scarlet Fever.</i>	<i>Diphtheria.</i>	<i>Other Cases.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
1	0	0	1

*Expenditure for the Year ended 31st March, 1941.*

Salaries and Wages—					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Medical Superintendent	...	...	...	...	156	15	0			
Medical Attendance	...	...	...	...	45	3	0			
Nursing and Staff (including dress allowances)					1482	8	3			
Porters, Gardeners, Cleaners	...	...	...	...	609	13	11			
					<hr/>			2294	0	2
Superannuation—										
Employers' Contributions, Annual Charge										
And Expenses	...	...	...	...	100	14	4			
National Insurance : Employers' Contribution					27	0	7			
					<hr/>			127	14	11
Analysis Fees	...	...	...	...				131	16	10
Drugs, Medicines and Appliances	...	...	...	...				130	5	3
Provisions	...	...	...	...				1128	3	6
Ambulance : Maintenance	...	...	...	...				131	17	9
Miscellaneous—										
Clothing, Bedding, etc.	...	...	...	...	28	17	2			
Disinfectants	...	...	...	...	64	3	7			
Printing, Stationery, etc.	...	...	...	...	41	5	9			
Telephones	...	...	...	...	16	12	9			
Air Raid Precautions	...	...	...	...	<hr/>			150	19	3
Buildings and Grounds, etc.—										
Repairs and Maintenance	...	...	...	...	378	0	1			
Rates, Taxes and Insurance	...	...	...	...	209	19	0			
Fuel, Light and Cleaning Materials	...	...	...	...	611	9	5			
Furniture and Ironmongery	...	...	...	...	85	19	6			
Depot and Establishment Charges	...	...	...	...	<hr/>			1285	8	0
								<hr/>		
								5380	5	8
Loan Charges—										
Principal	...	...	...	...	640	11	2			
Interest	...	...	...	...	553	13	6			
					<hr/>			1194	4	8
								<hr/>		
Total for 1941	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£6574	10	4
„ 1940	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£6576	16	1
„ 1939	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£5962	9	6

### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICE.

(i) The Berks County Council is the Local Supervising Authority for Midwives. Apart from midwives attached to Institutions there is only one private midwife in active practice in the Borough.

(ii) THE MATERNITY SERVICES OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY include a Welfare Centre conducted by Dr. E. Mary Bell at "The Wilderness," Cookam Road, an account of which is given below, an Ante-Natal Clinic conducted at 3-5, Castle Hill, and a scheme by which all non-insured expectant mothers are examined by their own doctor as frequently as need be. The details of this latter scheme, which includes post-natal as well as ante-natal examinations, have appeared in previous Reports (*see Report 1938, page 25*).

(iii) INSTITUTIONAL PROVISION FOR MOTHERS AND CHILDREN is provided by various local agencies, an account of which will be found in the Report for 1938 at pages 51-52.

(iv) HEALTH VISITING, together with the work connected with the School Medical Service, is undertaken by three whole-time qualified nurses, and a fourth was added to the staff in September, 1939, to cope with the additional duties consequent upon the influx of evacuees.

(v) CHILD LIFE PROTECTION and the duties connected therewith is undertaken by the Health Visitors, as described in the Report for 1938 at page 53.

### WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply of this District has been described in detail in previous Reports (*see Report 1938, page 55*). In regard to both quantity and quality this supply maintains a high standard. Frequent samples are taken for bacteriological analysis (about twice a week) and these have proved uniformly satisfactory during the past year.

The Company, which is a private one, derives its powers from an Act of 1875, and several subsequent Provisional Orders. The area of distribution covers the Borough of Maidenhead and practically the whole of the surrounding Rural District of Cookham.

### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The rate of progress on the main drainage extension scheme commenced shortly before the outbreak of the war has become slower, mainly due to difficulty in obtaining sufficient labour. It is hoped that it may be possible to bring further sections into use shortly for the sewer network



is now practically completed and work is concentrated on the pumping stations and disposal works extensions.

Considerable progress has been made in the abolition of cesspools in that section of the Borough where the new sewers are available for the reception of sewerage, approximately two-thirds of the properties having been connected. The Council has proceeded no further in the matter of rescinding the resolution to empty cesspools where sewers are available. The notice of intention so to do has had the desired effect of inducing owners to connect to the sewers and it is felt that connections are being made as fast as sources of men and materials permit. The Council's scheme under which financial assistance may be given to enable property owners to meet the cost of connections by spreading the payment over a number of years has been modified. It has served a very useful purpose in many cases.

The difficulties of the cesspool emptying service have been relieved to some extent by the reduction in the number of cesspools to be emptied. The number remaining is however still very considerable (approximately 800), and it is only with difficulty that the Council's three vacuum type emptying machines can cope with this work.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING.

### COLLECTION OF HOUSE REFUSE.

War-time difficulties resulting from labour shortage and the separate collection of salvageable material have necessitated the retrograde step of reducing the period of house refuse collection from weekly to fortnightly. The collection continues to be undertaken by direct labour and S. and D. Freighters controlled by the Borough Surveyor.

The collection of trade refuse is being continued, but no charge is now made where this comprises waste paper or other salvable material.

### DISPOSAL OF REFUSE.

The Council considers it in the best National interest to continue its process of converting house refuse into agricultural fertiliser by composting with refuse sludge by the "Sams" process. The pioneer work done by the Council has been recognised by those interested in agricultural development and research work is now being undertaken on this process and allied methods at Reading University, under the auspices of the Agricultural Research Council. A small experimental plant for practical experimental work has been constructed adjoining the Council's main plant.

Whilst it is still possible to continue this system of refuse utilisation the normal composition of the refuse has been materially changed and by reason of almost complete absence of paper it is now much less absorptive. Some small part of the sewage sludge cannot now be utilised and has to be dried in open lagoons.

### SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Following is the Report of the Sanitary Inspector for the year ended 31st December, 1941.

Guildhall, Maidenhead.

*January, 1942.*

To J. J. Paterson, Esq., M.D., D.P.H.,  
Medical Officer of Health.

Dear Sir,

I present herewith my Report for the year ended 31st December, 1941. The summary does not include notices served and work carried out in connection with the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, the Amendment Regulations, 1932, and the Housing Act, 1936, for which see Special Report at the end.

### SUMMARY.

Visits and Re-visits to premises	...	...	...	...	...	4,682
Number of Formal Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	68
„ „ Informal Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	451
„ „ Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	...	419
Complaints received and attended to	...	...	...	...	...	298
Drains tested with water	...	...	...	...	...	23
Drains passed after examination (sewer connections, etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	16

### *Nature and Number of Nuisances dealt with :*

Animals improperly kept	...	...	...	...	...	2
Choked drains	...	...	...	...	...	86
Damp premises	...	...	...	...	...	37
Defective and insufficient cesspools	...	...	...	...	...	27
„ Chimney-stacks	...	...	...	...	...	6
„ Foul and choked W.C. pans	...	...	...	...	...	25
„ and insufficient inspection chambers	...	...	...	...	...	9
„ Eaves, gutters and stackpipes	...	...	...	...	...	31
„ Floors	...	...	...	...	...	13
„ Flushing cisterns	...	...	...	...	...	28

Defective Grates and coppers	...	...	...	...	...	26
„ Plaster (walls and ceilings)	...	...	...	...	...	38
„ Water service pipes	...	...	...	...	...	9
„ Windows, skylights and doors	...	...	...	...	...	39
Dirty walls and ceilings	...	...	...	...	...	28
„ Tenants	...	...	...	...	...	4
„ Water-closet chambers	...	...	...	...	...	4
Foul and defective waste pipes	...	...	...	...	...	39
Insufficient Light to rooms	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ Refuse receptacles	...	...	...	...	...	53
Leaky roofs and fillets	...	...	...	...	...	38
Offensive accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	22
Unpaved and insanitary yards	...	...	...	...	...	5
Urinals improperly kept	...	...	...	...	...	5
Verminous houses	...	...	...	...	...	24
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	60
Notification to Water Co., <i>re</i> waste of water	...	...	...	...	...	18
Public and private Library books disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	83
Rooms cleansed (walls stripped, ceilings whitewashed and paint-work cleansed after infectious disease)	...	...	...	...	...	6
Rooms disinfected after—						
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	4
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	108
Cancer	...	...	...	...	...	7
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	51
Ringworm	...	...	...	...	...	6
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	23
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	9
Vermin	...	...	...	...	...	25
Other causes	...	...	...	...	...	22
School Exclusion Notices sent	...	...	...	...	...	73

LIST OF ARTICLES STEAM DISINFECTED AT THE ISOLATION  
HOSPITAL.

Articles of Bedding	...	447	Rugs	...	...	79
Blankets	...	2494	Cushions	...	...	20
Bolsters and Pillows	...	429	Drums of Dressing	...	...	23
Bundles of Bedding	...	22	Mattresses	...	...	408
Cothing (bundles and articles)	...	324	Miscellaneous	...	...	89



## BAKEHOUSES.

No. on Register	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
No. of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
Contraventions of Factories Act discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
„ „ „ remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
„ „ Public Health Acts discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ „ „ remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

## CINEMAS.

No. of Premises	...	...	2	Nuisances discovered...	3
No. of Inspections	...	...	9		

## COMMON LODGING HOUSE.

No. on Register	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
No. of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Contraventions of Bye-Laws discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ „ „ remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

## DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

## Number on Register—

Wholesale procurers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Retail producers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Retail purveyors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Retailers (Milkshops, etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28

## Certificates of Registration granted to—

Retail purveyors	...	...	...	...	...	2 (transfers)
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## MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936.

Dealer's Bottling Licence—Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	...	1
Distributor's Licence to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk (renewed)	...	...	4
Supplementary Licence to sell Pasteurised Milk (renewed)	...	...	1
Contraventions of the above Order discovered	...	...	Nil
„ „ „ remedied	...	...	Nil

## Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order. 1926—

Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

## Contraventions of Public Health Acts—

Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	94
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Five samples of Tuberculin Tested Milk submitted to the National Institute for Research in Dairying, Reading, for examination for tubercle bacilli, were found to be negative.

No. on Register—								Factories.							
Factories with mechanical power								...	...	...	...	...	...	...	103
,, without mechanical power								...	...	...	...	...	...	...	109
<i>No. of Inspections :</i>															
Factories with mechanical power								...	...	...	...	...	...	...	287
,, without mechanical power								...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52
<i>Defects found :</i>															
Want of cleanliness								...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Overcrowding								...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Unreasonable temperature								...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Inadequate ventilation								...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
,, means of escape in case of fire								...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Sanitary Conveniences insufficient								...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
,, ,, unsuitable or defective								...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
,, ,, not separate for the sexes								...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Other offences								...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
<i>Defects remedied :</i>															
Want of cleanliness								...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Overcrowding abated								...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Inadequate ventilation								...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Unreasonable temperature								...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sanitary Conveniences insufficient								...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
,, ,, unsuitable or defective								...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
,, ,, not separate for the sexes								...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Means of escape in case of fire, provided								...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Other offences								...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8

## FOOD PREMISES.

No. of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	303
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## FRIED FISH SHOPS.

No. on Register	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
No. of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
No. of Nuisances discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
,, ,, remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

## LICENCE FOR SLAUGHTERMEN.

Licences granted to Slaughtermen under the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
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## CENTRAL SLAUGHTER HOUSE

A general report on the slaughter house was given in last year's report. Acting on suggestions made by this Department to the Ministry of Food, further improvements have been carried out ; these include rendering of

the walls of the meat hanging chamber and side passage, access direct to lairage from street, improved lighting and ventilation.

#### ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED.

Beasts ...	...	...	1,596	Pigs ...	...	...	48
Calves ...	...	...	517	Sheep ...	...	...	7,855

#### UN SOUND FOOD

The undermentioned foodstuffs were condemned and surrendered, after being examined and found to be unfit for human consumption.

#### MEAT.

Carcases and parts of Carcases :	<i>Tuberculosis.</i>	<i>Other causes.</i>	<i>Total Weight.</i>
Beasts ...	...	...	...
Calves ...	...	...	...
Sheep ...	...	...	...
Pigs ...	...	...	...
Offal :			
Beasts ...	...	...	...
Calves ...	...	...	...
Sheep ...	...	...	...
Pigs ...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	...	...	...

Equals 13 tons 2 cwts. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.

#### OTHER FOODS.

Apples ...	...	93lbs.	Cockles ...	...	1 gallon
Bacon ...	...	6½lbs.	Eggs ...	...	1,524
Biscuits ...	...	22½lbs.	Escallops ...	...	2 dozen
Cheese ...	...	5¾lbs.	Fish Cakes ...	...	2½ cartons
Dried Peaches 289 cases	7,225lbs.		Shrimps ...	...	6 gallons
Fish, wet ...	...	1,351lbs.	Various Foods ...	...	231 tins
Luncheon Sausage	42lbs.				16 cartons
Margarine ...	...	11lbs.			
Poultry ...	3 cases	317lbs.			
Rabbits ...	3 cases	180lbs.			
Rhubarb ...	...	2,240lbs.			
Rice ...	...	504lbs.			
Sugar ...	...	168lbs.			
Sweets ...	...	42lbs.			

—tons cwt. qrs. lbs.  
12,207¾lbs. (5 8 3 27¾)



## RATS AND MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT, 1919.

One hundred and seventy-two applications were received for advice in baiting and ridding premises of rats and mice and, as in previous years, every effort was made to co-operate with the occupiers in ridding their premises of rodents.

## SHOP PREMISES.

Number of Shops on Register	...	...	...	...	...	649
Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	327
Contraventions of Shops (Hours of Closing) Acts, 1928	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
„ „ Public Health Acts discovered	...	...	...	...	...	6
„ „ „ „ „ remedied	...	...	...	...	...	6
Statutory Forms not displayed	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

## SHOPS ACT, 1934.

*Contraventions discovered :*

Lack of sufficient means of heating	...	...	...	...	6
„ „ sanitary conveniences	...	...	...	...	3
„ „ washing facilities	...	...	...	...	1

*Notices complied with :*

Suitable and sufficient means of heating installed	...	...	...	...	6
„ „ sanitary conveniences provided	...	...	...	...	3
„ „ washing accommodation provided	...	...	...	...	1

(Signed) W. E. HARDING,

*Sanitary Inspector.*

## HOUSING STATISTICS.

The record of work done under the Housing Acts, etc., during the past year is as follows :—

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :—*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	...	...	122
Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	232
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932	...	...	...	...	8
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	10

(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	1
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	120
2. <i>Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :—</i>	
Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	90
3. <i>Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—</i>	
A. <i>Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :</i>	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	2
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :	
(a) By Owners	2
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil
B. <i>Proceedings under Public Health Acts :</i>	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	28
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :	
(a) By Owners	21
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil
C. <i>Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :</i>	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made...	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil

4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding.*

As a result of a temporary increase in population a number of cases of overcrowding arose, but by rearrangement of accommodation and with the helpful co-operation of the Chief Billeting Officer the more serious cases were abated.

In some instances, where the number of persons in a house was only slightly in excess of the permitted number, action has been deferred until the general congestion of accommodation is relieved.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

## IMMUNISATION.

As recorded in the previous year's Report (p. 32), 1,378 children attending the public elementary schools were immunised against Diphtheria. In addition a special Clinic was established at "The Wilderness" on Saturday mornings for the immunisation of children under school age or who had been missed at school, of whom 260 had been done previously at school or the Clinic.

During 1941 no further immunisations were done at school, but 715 were treated at the Clinic. The total children immunised up to the end of 1941 is therefore  $1,378 + 260 + 715$ ; total, 2,353.

The usual statistics relating to notifiable infectious diseases are set out in the tables below :—

TABLE I.  
NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1941.  
(other than Tuberculosis.)

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis ... ..	4 (1)	3	3
Diphtheria ... ..	70 (7)	64	3
Dysentery ... ..	1	1	0
Encephalitis Lethargica ... ..	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers) ... ..	1 (1)	0	0
Erysipelas ... ..	4 (1)	1	0
Measles ... ..	167 (10)	3	0
Malaria ... ..	0	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... ..	0	0	0
Pneumonia ... ..	5 (3)	0	2
Polio-encephalitis ... ..	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis... ..	22 (3)	14	2
Puerperal Fever ... ..	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	5 (5)	0	0
Scarlet Fever ... ..	40 (6)	35	0
Smallpox ... ..	0	0	0
Whooping Cough ... ..	46 (2)	1	0

Brackets ( ) indicate cases that occurred in institutions and hospitals ; they are included in the totals given.



TABLE II.

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1941.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years</i>	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65+
Cerebro-spinal													
Meningitis ...	...	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-
Diphtheria ...	...	-	1	2	3	2	26	16	5	8	5	2	-
Dysentery ...	...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever ...	...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas ...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
Measles ...	...	5	13	13	12	19	85	7	6	6	-	1	-
Pneumonia ...	...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-
Scarlet Fever ...	...	-	1	3	1	1	20	5	2	2	5	-	-
Whooping Cough ...	...	5	3	4	2	7	23	1	-	1	-	-	-

TABLE III.

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1937-1941.

<i>Disease.</i>				<i>1937.</i>	<i>1938.</i>	<i>1939.</i>	<i>1940.</i>	<i>1941.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	0	1	1	10	4
Diphtheria	...	...	...	15	24	51	30	70
Dysentery	...	...	...	0	0	1	0	1
Encephalitis Lethargica		...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	3	0	2	5	1
Erysipelas	...	...	...	4	2	4	8	4
Malaria	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
*Measles	...	...	...	0	0	0	266	167
Ophthalmia Neonatorum		...	...	1	1	1	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	8	6	10	13	5
Polio-encephalitis		...	...	1	0	0	0	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	22
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	2	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	2	10	3	4	5
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	12	23	20	39	40
Smallpox	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough*	...	...	...	—	—	2	1	46

\* Not notifiable until 1939.

TUBERCULOSIS.

It was not necessary to take any specific action under the Public Health (Preventive of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (compulsory discontinuance of employment) or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925 (compulsory removal of patient to institution). These requirements are now included in Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and of all deaths from this disease, whether the cases have been notified or not, during the current year are set out in the table below :—

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

<i>Age Periods.</i>	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	<i>Pulmonary.</i>	<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 5 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15 „ ...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—25 „ ...	2	6	—	—	—	1	—	—
25—35 „ ...	5	5	—	1	2	2	—	—
35—45 „ ...	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
45—55 „ ...	2	4	—	—	1	—	—	—
55—65 „ ...	1	1	—	—	2	1	—	—
65 and over ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Totals</i> ...	13	18	—	1	6	4	—	—

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—3 out of 10=30%.

There are no deaths from any of the infectious diseases except Tuberculosis (9), Influenza (7). Diseases of the heart and blood vessels occupy the chief place as a cause of death (42). Cerebral hæmorrhage (*i.e.*, Apoplexy, Stroke, etc.) comes next with 15, closely followed by Cancer 14 (in previous year 16), while respiratory diseases (Bronchitis, Pneumonia, etc.) accounted for 13 deaths in all. Diseases of other organs of the body



and deaths by violence are represented by two or three cases at the most and taken altogether amount to fewer than those specified above, namely, 58 as against 84 in a total of 142.

### CAUSES OF DEATH IN WOKINGHAM URBAN DISTRICT, 1941.

CAUSES OF DEATH.							Males.	Females
ALL CAUSES							73	69
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	5	3
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
8.	Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
9.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	3	4
10.	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
15.	Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	...	4	6
17.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	...	7	8
19.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	19	16
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	...	5	2
21.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	3	4
22.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
23.	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
26.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
27.	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	3	2
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
31.	Premature birth	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
34.	Road traffic accident	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
35.	Other violent causes	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
36.	All other causes	...	...	...	...	...	10	11

### INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY.

#### INFANT MORTALITY.

For the year 1941 there were 4 deaths of infants under one year of age as compared with 5 in the previous year. Of these, 1 male was illegitimate. There was only one death from Diarrhoea in children under 2 years of age.

## MATERNAL MORTALITY.

There was one death from maternal causes this year; none in the previous year.

## PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

The Sanitary Staff remains the same as described at page 40 in the Report for 1940.

## LEGISLATION IN FORCE.

A full list of the Adoptive Acts, Bye-Laws, etc., in force in the Borough was given in the Report for 1938, at page 87.

## LABORATORY FACILITIES.

From the 1st January, 1941, this work has been undertaken by the Emergency Public Health Laboratory Service, School of Pathology, South Parks Road, Oxford (*Tel.* Oxford 47884/5).

Under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, samples of milk are taken by the Police, and of other food stuffs and drugs by Inspectors of the County Weights and Measures Department.

The following specimens have been examined in 1941 :

<i>Material.</i>	<i>Positive.</i>	<i>Negative.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Swabs for Diphtheria ... ..	1	36	37
Sputum for Tubercle, Blood for Typhoid and other Specimens ... ..	7	1	8
	—	—	—
	8	37	45
	—	—	—

## AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

There is a St. John Ambulance operating in the District which is in charge of Dr. Smith (Wokingham), who is Divisional Surgeon for the Brigade. It is manned by different volunteer drivers and nurses each day, the women workers being organised by Miss Grenside. The Ambulance is kept at Messrs. Brimblecombes', Eddystone Garage, Finchampstead Road, Wokingham (*Tel.* Wokingham 299).

HOME NURSING, TREATMENT CLINICS,  
HOSPITALS, ETC.

These facilities, which are adequate for the immediate needs of the District, remain the same as described in the Report for 1938, at pages 88-90.

## WATER SUPPLY.

## DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

## CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

These matters remain substantially the same as recorded in the previous year's Report (page 42).

## PUBLIC CLEANSING.

## WET SCAVENGING.

The Council possesses a motor-vacuum cesspool emptier for the clearance of cesspools, the contents being disposed of by discharge into a convenient manhole in the sewerage system. Cesspools are emptied monthly without charge where no public sewer is available, but additional clearances and the emptying of cesspools upon premises within one hundred feet of a sewer are charged for.

The figures for 1941 are: Number of cesspool emptyings, 1146; total quantity removed, 1,051,955 gallons; average quantity removed, 932 gallons.

The policy of the Council has been to carry out necessary extensions of the sewerage system and to oppose upon Town Planning grounds the premature development of land for building, where a sewerage system is impracticable. The outcome of this policy is shown by the following figures:—

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Cesspools in use.</i>			<i>Year.</i>	<i>Cesspools in use.</i>		
1930	...	...	645	1936	...	...	241
1931	...	...	445	1937	...	...	228
1932	...	...	357	1938	...	...	222
1933	...	...	278	1939	...	...	197
1934	...	...	256	1940	...	...	196
1935	...	...	253	1941	...	...	194

## DRY SCAVENGING.

Collections of house refuse is carried out weekly by an S.D. refuse vehicle. Trade refuse is collected by the same vehicle by special arrangement with the trader.

Unusable refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at Tan House Meadow. Salvage is collected from all premises and is sorted at the Council's Barkham Road Depot. Waste food is deposited by householders in street bins, which are cleared three times per week, and the swill is fed to pigs at the Council's pig farm.



## SANITARY INSPECTION.

The following is the Sanitary Inspector's Report for the year ended 31st December, 1941.

To Dr. J. J. Paterson,

Town Hall, Wokingham.

Medical Officer of Health.

The following premises used in connection with the preparation or sale of foods are licensed or registered in the Borough :—

Dairies, Cowsheds or Milkshops	...	...	...	...	...	20
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	11

All these premises were regularly inspected and were found to be, in the main, well conducted.

The following tabular statement shows the number and nature of inspections carried out, with the result of such inspections :—

Number of premises inspected	...	...	...	...	...	348
„ „ inspections and re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	820
„ „ complaints received and investigated	...	...	...	...	...	52
„ „ nuisances discovered as results of complaints	...	...	...	...	...	42
„ „ Notices served :						
Informal	...	...	...	...	...	39
Statutory	...	...	...	...	...	0
Prosecutions	...	...	...	...	...	0
„ „ premises on which nuisances were abated	...	...	...	...	...	102

*Nature and Number of Nuisances abated :*

As to Drains and cesspools, water closets, sinks, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	32
„ „ Drains connected to sewer	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ „ Sinks provided	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ „ Water laid on to sinks (existing)	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ „ Earth closets to water closets	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ „ Animals kept so as to be a nuisance	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ „ Deficient or impure water	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ „ Water laid on	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ „ other Nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	20
Number of inspections of factories	...	...	...	...	...	11
„ „ defects found and remedied	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ „ inspections of bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	25
„ „ defects found and remedied	...	...	...	...	...	15
„ „ houses fumigated	...	...	...	...	...	27

A copy of Statement of Rainfall at Wokingham in 1941 is appended.

(Signed) ROLAND R. HOLE,

*Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.*

## RAINFALL AT WOKINGHAM IN 1941.

<i>Month</i>	<i>Depth in inches</i>	<i>Greatest fall in 24 hours. Depth in inches</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>No. of days with</i>	
				<i>.01 or more</i>	<i>.04 or more</i>
January ...	2.53	.50	20th	12	11
February	1.91	.36	16th	16	13
March ...	3.09	.59	7th	12	10
April ...	1.12	.31	1st	7	6
May ...	1.33	.29	26th	8	7
June ...	1.89	1.02	9th	7	7
July ...	3.55	.85	25th	15	12
August ...	4.69	.95	23rd	22	20
September	.25	.15	30th	2	2
October ...	1.55	.58	10th	12	11
November	2.49	.78	13th	14	13
December	1.44	.63	6th	8	6
	25.84			135	118

## COMPARABLE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS.

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Total Rainfall. in inches.</i>				<i>*Number of Rainy Days.</i>		
1940 ... ..	...	24.65	...	...	...	141	
1939 ... ..	...	24.67	...	...	...	159	
1938 ... ..	...	19.05	...	...	...	137	
1937 ... ..	...	29.42	...	...	...	162	
1936 ... ..	...	28.58	...	...	...	171	
Average for 40 years	...	26.08	...	...	...	173	

\* i.e. a rainfall of 0.01 inch or more.

## SHOPS AND OFFICES.

Nineteen inspections were made under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934. Three contraventions were discovered and two of these have since been remedied.

## CAMPING SITES.

There are at present no sites in the Borough licensed as Camping Sites under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

An application for a licence was submitted in respect of a plot in Stanley Road. This application was refused.

## SMOKE ABATEMENT.

No action is called for in this District in regard to Smoke Abatement under the Act of 1926.

## SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS.

A description of the excellent (privately owned) Swimming Bath and Children's Pool was given in the corresponding paragraph in the Report for 1937, at page 95. The same amenities and facilities were available during the year under review.

## SANITARY CONDITIONS REQUIRING NOTICE.

Conditions to which attention should be given when the war emergency is over were included in the corresponding paragraph of the Report for 1940.

## HOUSING.

Inspection of dwelling houses has been carried on as far as possible, and essential repairs insisted upon by informal action.

The number of houses at present owned by the Borough Council is 79. Number of houses erected during the year 1941—

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b) )	...	Nil
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts :		
(1) By the Local Authority	... ..	Nil
(2) By other bodies or persons	... ..	Nil

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :—*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	59
Number of inspections made for the purpose	... ..	123
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932	... ..	15
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	... ..	34
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation		14
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	... ..	45

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	...	28
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—* *None taken*  
 4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding :—* *No action*

### MILK SUPPLY.

The position with regard to Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops is shown in the following tabular statement.

Number on Register :

Wholesale Producers	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Retail Producers	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Retail Purveyors	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
				<i>Tuberculin</i>		<i>Pasteu-</i>	
				<i>Tested.</i>	<i>Accredited.</i>	<i>rised.</i>	
No. of Producers licensed	...	...	2	4	—		
„ „ Retailers	...	...	5	1	1		
„ „ Registered Dairy Farms	...	...	...	...	11		
Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 :							
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Contraventions of Public Health Acts :							
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	24

### MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

No licences were issued in respect of the five slaughter houses in the Borough, general slaughtering being now carried out at Ministry of Food Regional establishments.

Periodic visits have been made to butchers' shops and all " cottagers' pigs " slaughtered under licence issued by the Ministry of Food have been inspected.

Fish stores are clean and well kept.

The 11 bakehouses in the Borough are all well kept and regularly lime-washed. It was not necessary to serve any formal notice with regard to food premises.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

#### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year the number of children immunised against Diphtheria was 133. Previous to 1941 there had been 772 immunisations carried out, making a grand total of 905.

The following tables set out the main particulars in relation to the notifiable infectious diseases for the year 1941.

TABLE I.  
NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR, 1941.  
(*other than Tuberculosis.*)

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis ... ..	3 (1)	3	1
Diphtheria ... ..	6 (3)	6	0
Encephalitis Lethargica ... ..	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid) ... ..	0	0	0
Erysipelas ... ..	5	0	0
Malaria ... ..	0	0	0
Measles ... ..	93 (17)	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... ..	2 (2)	1	1
Pneumonia ... ..	4	2	1
Polio-myelitis... ..	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever ... ..	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	2 (2)	0	0
Scarlet Fever ... ..	6	4	0
Smallpox ... ..	0	0	0
Whooping Cough ... ..	21	0	0

TABLE II.  
AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1941.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>0-</i>	<i>1-</i>	<i>2-</i>	<i>3-</i>	<i>4-</i>	<i>5-</i>	<i>10-</i>	<i>15-</i>	<i>20-</i>	<i>35-</i>	<i>45-</i>	<i>65+</i>
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis ... ..	...	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria ... ..	...	—	—	—	1	—	2	2	—	1	—	—	—
Erysipelas ... ..	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3
Measles ... ..	...	8	8	7	14	6	28	13	7	—	1	1	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... ..	...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia ... ..	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ... ..	...	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	1	—
Whooping Cough ... ..	...	—	1	3	8	2	6	1	—	—	—	—	—

TABLE III.

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1937-41.

					1937	1938	1939	1940	1941
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	2	2
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	4	11	27	10	6
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	1	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	0	0	3	9	6
Malaria	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Measles*	...	...	...	...	—	—	—	206	93
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	2
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	0	1	3	7	4
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	...	1	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	...	1	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	2
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	28	3	2	21	6
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough*	...	...	...	...	—	—	0	2	21

\* Not notifiable until 1939.

## TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pul'y		Pulmonary.		Non-Pul'y.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—
15—25	1	1	1	1	1	—	—	—
25—35	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—45	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
45—55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—65	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—
65 and over	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
Totals	4	4	1	2	4	2	1	—

Percentage of non-notifiable cases amongst total fatal cases—2 out of 7=28.56%.



# Cookham

## Rural Sanitary District

### GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres) .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24,901
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1941	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,554
Rateable Value 1st April, 1942	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£95,934
Sum represented by Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£386
Outstanding Loans—Housing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£86,590
General	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£2,388

### BIRTHS.

Owing to influx of population the figures given by the Registrar-General for the Births occurring in this District consist of two sets, one, the larger, which included the increased population being for the purpose of calculating the general Infant Mortality, etc., and the other, smaller, which refers to the local population for the purpose of calculating the local Birth Rate, these are :—

#### LIVE BIRTHS.

	<i>For Infant Mortality, etc.</i>			<i>For Birth Rate.</i>		
	<i>Male.</i>	<i>Female.</i>		<i>Male.</i>	<i>Female.</i>	
Legitimate ...	88	94	...	80	77	...
Illegitimate	4	8	...	4	8	...
Total ...	92	102	...	84	85	...

#### STILL BIRTHS.

Legitimate ...	7	1	...	7	1	...
Illegitimate	0	0	...	0	0	...
Total ...	7	1	...	7	1	...

### DEATHS.

The net number of deaths attributed to this District for the year is 143 : 74 males and 69 females. The causes of death are set out in the table at the end of this paragraph. Amongst them it will be noted that

notifiable infectious diseases accounted for 2 from Cerebro-spinal Fever, 1 from Encephalitis, 1 from Influenza and 2 from Whooping Cough, but none from Typhoid, Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever or Measles. Amongst the Tuberculous deaths there were 4 from Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 2 from other forms of that disease.

From general causes the chief place was taken by Disease of the Heart—39 cases, followed by Cancer (all forms)—26. Diseases of the Blood-vessels (including Apoplexy)—18, Bronchitis, Pneumonia, etc.—15. There were also 4 deaths from Road Accidents and 8 from other forms of violence, excluding Suicide, of which there was 1 case.

#### CAUSES OF DEATHS IN COOKHAM RURAL DISTRICT, 1941.

CAUSES OF DEATH.							Males.	Females.
ALL CAUSES							74	69
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
8.	Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
9.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
10.	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	...	—	3
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	4	3
15.	Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	4
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	...	8	4
17.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	...	6	9
19.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	20	19
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	...	3	—
21.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	4	2
22.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	2	5
23.	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
26.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
27.	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	...	2	3
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	3	4
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortion sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Premature birth	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
34.	Road traffic accident	...	...	...	...	...	4	—
35.	Other violent causes	...	...	...	...	...	6	2
36.	All other causes	...	...	...	...	...	—	4

## INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY.

### INFANT MORTALITY.

There were only 4 deaths this year of children under 1 year of age as against 9 in the previous year. All of these were legitimate children, 2 were male and 2 female infants. There were no deaths from diarrhoea in children under 2 years of age.

### MATERNAL MORTALITY.

None were recorded this year and only one in the previous year.

## PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

These remain the same as recorded in the previous year except that on 29th September, 1941, Mr. F. K. Knowles took the place of Mr. T. A. Fox, who left to take up a similar appointment elsewhere.

## LEGISLATION IN FORCE.

The Adoption Acts, Byelaws, etc., in force in this District remain the same as recorded in the Report for 1938, pages 113-114.

## LABORATORY WORK.

Swabs and other morbid specimens examined by the Clinical Research Association, London, on behalf of medical practitioners in the neighbourhood, comprised the following :—

<i>Material.</i>	<i>Positive.</i>	<i>Negative.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Swabs for Diphtheria ... ..	2	92	94
Sputum for Tubercle ... ..	0	4	4
Blood for Typhoid ... ..	0	1	1
Other Specimens ... ..	0	0	0
	<hr/> 2	<hr/> 97	<hr/> 99

Official samples of Milk are taken by the Police and samples of other Foods and Drugs by the Inspectors of the County Weights and Measures Department.

## AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

### HOSPITALS, CLINICS AND HOME NURSING.

The facilities available for this District remain the same as described in previous Reports.

The Parish of Hurley enjoys the right of sending patients to Westminster Hospital by virtue of Willcock's Charity, 1788. For details see Annual Report 1938, pages 115-116.



## WATER SUPPLY.

A full description of the water supply of the District was given in the Report for 1938 (page 117).

## WATER SAMPLES TAKEN DURING YEAR.

<i>Sample.</i>	<i>Date.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
The Mount, Cookham Dean—(Spring) ...	2/12/41 ...	Passable
Lady Place, Hurley—(Well) ...	10/6/41 ...	Good
Hurley Dairy Farm—(Well) ...	14/6/41 ...	Good
Hurley Dairy Farm—(Public Supply) ...	14/6/41 ...	Good
“ Otterwell,” Mill Lane, Hurley—(Well) ...	23/6/41 ...	Passable
*Mill House, Hurley—(Well) ...	2/12/41 ...	Unfit
Pondwood Cottage, Shottesbrooke—(Well) ...	3/6/41 ...	Passable
Pondwood Farm, Shottesbrooke—(Well) ...	21/10/41 ...	Good
†Pondwood Farm House, Shottesbrooke—(Well)	21/10/31 ...	Unfit
Strande Castle Camping Site, Cookham— (Tube Boring) ...	2/12/41 ...	Passable

\* New bore provided and wholesome supply procured.

† Well has been reconstructed, supply now wholesome.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING.

## WET SCAVENGING.

Council's vehicles consist of two 1,000 and one 750-gallons Dennis vacuum machines, the latter being a dual purpose vehicle with inter-changing refuse and cesspool emptying bodies.

Workmen employed are three drivers and three mates ; one of the mates is part-time cesspool emptying and salvage sorting.

The contents are disposed of by broad irrigation at two disposal sites—one at Bray and the other at Cookham. A full-time workman is employed at Bray site and a part-time workman at Cookham.

The following Parishes are served by this Service : Bray, Bisham, Cookham and White Waltham.

By Resolution of the Council cesspools are not emptied more frequently than once per month.

During the financial year ending April, 1942, 5,144 cesspools at Bray, Bisham, Cookham and White Waltham were emptied of 7,327,250 gallons of sewage at a cost of £2,694, or 7s. 4d. per 1,000 gallons *i.e.*, the normal contents of one cesspool. For the previous year the corresponding figures are 5,015 cesspools, 7,261,500 gallons ; total cost £2,661, or 7s. 4d. per 1,000 gallons.

### DRY SCAVENGING.

Dry Scavenging, *i.e.* removal of house refuse, is carried out by the Council's own employees and vehicles (two Dennis covered vans, each of 10 cubic yards capacity, and 1 Ford van also of 10 cubic yards capacity).

In all seven Parishes of the District the collection is carried out fortnightly, the intervening weeks being given up solely to collection of salvage material.

The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at three sites, these being disused pits.

The following statistics are applicable for the financial year ending 31st March, 1942 :—

#### (1) *Collected directly by Cookham R.D.C. :*

<i>Value.</i>										
£ s. d.					tons. cwt. lbs.			tons. cwt. lbs.		
Waste Paper, Bones, Rags,										
Metals, Bottles, etc.	...	...	...	...	1163	11	7	308	17	22
In stock, 31st March, 1942										
(unsold) estimated	...	...	...	...	30	0	0	52	0	0
					<hr/>			<hr/>		
£1193 11 7								360 17 22		

#### (2) *Collected by Other Bodies in conjunction with Cookham R.D.C. :*

Waste Paper	...	...	...	...	44	17	0			
Waste Food	...	...	...	...	113	5	56			
Scrap Metal	...	.....	...	...	45	5	0			
					<hr/>			203 7 56		
								<hr/>		
					<i>Total</i>			...	564	4 98
								<hr/>		

#### (3) *Refuse and Salvage Collections :*

Weight of materials collected :

Financial year ending 31st March, 1942—

Refuse	...	...	...	...	2521	6	0
Salvage	...	...	...	...	564	4	98
					<hr/>		
					3085	10	98
					<hr/>		

Financial year ending 31st March, 1941—					<i>tons</i>	<i>cwt.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>
Refuse	...	...	...	...	3465	0	0
Salvage	...	...	...	...	189	1	74
					3654	1	74

The nett cost of this collection and disposal of refuse and salvage was £2,537 8s. 5d., or 16s. 6d. per ton. In the previous year the figures were approximately £2,669 or 14s. 8d. per ton.

Fifteen per cent. of all sums received from the sale of salvaged materials is paid as a bonus to the Council's workmen engaged on salvage collection.

### SANITARY INSPECTION.

The following is the Report of the Sanitary Inspector (Mr. J. H. Joynt) for the year ended 31st December, 1941 :—

“ Oaklands,”

Bath Road,

Maidenhead.

To Dr. J. J. Paterson,

(*Tel.* Maidenhead 252.)

Medical Officer of Health.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to submit my Eighth Annual Report since commencing my duties in the District on 2nd July, 1934.

### INSPECTIONS AND VISITS.

A total of 4,999 visits and inspections were carried out during the year and 85 complaints were received and investigated.

### NOTICES, LETTERS, ETC.

Informal	...	...	...	277	Prosecutions	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Verbal	...	...	...	64	Letters received	...	...	4000
Statutory	...	...	...	2	Letters sent	...	...	3049
Notices complied with	...	...	...	219	Persons interviewed at Office	...	...	684

### INDEX OF WORKS.

To economise both with paper and detailed work, the index of works executed during the year has again been omitted.

Improvements completed, defects remedied and nuisances abated during the year total 764.

### FACTORIES.

There are 41 Factories in the District. Seventeen visits were paid during the year, four informal notices were served and complied with.



## SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

See sub-heading "Slaughter Houses" under paragraph on "Meat and Other Foods."

## COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

Two hundred and eighteen visits were paid to these premises and many improvements were carried out without serving formal notices.

## DRAINAGE.

Six drainage systems to new buildings were inspected and approved during the year.

Several systems were reconstructed or additional drains were provided during the alterations or additions to existing buildings.

Two privies were abolished, and water closets with flushing cisterns were provided in their place.

Drainage systems to 14 premises were relaid, repaired or provided after service of notice.

## VERMINOUS PREMISES.

Six Cottages were found to be infested. In one case disinfestation was carried out by the Owners and in five cases by this Council, the Owners of the premises bearing the cost.

## HOUSING (RURAL WORKERS) ACTS, 1926 AND 1931.

## HOUSING (RURAL WORKERS) AMENDMENT ACT, 1938.

No action was taken in connection with the above Acts.

## SHOP INSPECTION.

During the year, 156 visits were made to shops where food is prepared or sold, and a number of improvements and alterations effected.

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AND BUILDING BYELAWS.

Plans presented for approval	...	...	...	...	...	97
Premises completed	...	...	...	...	...	24
Additions and alterations to existing premises completed	...	...	...	...	...	27
Notices served, Contraventions of Byelaws, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	8
Prosecutions	...	...	...	...	...	2

(Signed) J. H. JOYNT,

*Sanitary Inspector and Building Surveyor.*

## CAMPING SITES.

There are now 18 Camping Sites in this District which have been approved, subject to the conditions set out in the Report for 1939 at page 74.

## SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

Four places in this District provide for public bathing and swimming ; the situation of these were enumerated and described in the Report for 1938 (page 130).

A sample of the water at the swimming pool at Waltham St. Lawrence was taken, the analyst's report being that no exception can be taken to the use of this water for swimming pool purposes, upon bacteriological grounds.

## SANITARY MATTERS REQUIRING NOTICE.

There is nothing to add to what appeared in this paragraph in the previous year's Report in reference to matters in abeyance owing to war conditions.

## HOUSING STATISTICS.

The record of work done under the Housing Acts, etc., during the past year is as follows :—

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :—*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	127
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	633
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932 ...	4
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	24
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	<i>Nil</i>
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	4

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ...	65
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—*

A.	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
B.	Proceedings under Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
C.	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
D.	Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

#### 4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding.*

(a)	(i)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	5
	(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein ... ..	10
	(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein ... ..	52
(b)	(i)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... ..	3
(c)	(ii)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... ..	1
	(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases ... ..	12
(d)		Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ...	Nil

## MILK SUPPLY.

The position with regard to milk supply is shown by the following tabular statement :—

## DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

Number on Register :

Wholesale Producers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
Retail Producers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Retail Purveyors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Retails (Milk Shops, etc.)		...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Licences granted for the sale of Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	...						3
„ „ „ „ Pasteurised Milk	...	...						1
Dairy Farms licensed to produce Accredited Milk	...	...						24
„ „ „ „ Tuberculin Tested Milk	...	...						6
Total Number of Registered Dairy Farms	...	...						71
Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 :								
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	62
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49
Contraventions of Public Health Acts :								
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	218



## MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

## SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

By Government Order, all slaughter houses in the District have been closed down for the duration of hostilities.

The bulk of meat allocated to the District is sent from Mr. Dudley Sims' slaughter house, Maidenhead, whose premises have been taken over by the Ministry of Food for centralized slaughtering.

The Meat Inspectors of the Borough of Maidenhead and of the Cookham Rural District Council are working a night and week-end duty rota at the above slaughter house.

Three hundred and eleven visits were paid during the year to butchers' shops, and Central Slaughter House, Maidenhead.

Forty-one pigs were slaughtered and inspected at private houses and premises after the owners had procured a licence from the Food Control Office.

## BAKEHOUSES.

As stated in the previous year's Report, there are 9 premises in the District where baking of bread is carried on. Generally speaking they are well kept and in no instance was it found necessary to issue a formal notice in respect of contraventions of the Acts.

## OTHER FOOD SHOPS.

Inspections of all food premises under Sections 13 and 14, Food and Drugs Act, 1938, where food is prepared, stored, or sold, commenced during the latter part of this year.

Food Premises inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41
Contraventions of Section 13 :								
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Revisits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	129
Premises Registered under Section 14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year the following schools were visited for the purpose of immunisation against Diphtheria : Cookham Dean C.E. ; Cookham Holy Trinity ; Cookham Rise Council. The total number of children thus immunised was 310, including those of pre-school age and evacuees.

At other centres an additional number of 241 children were dealt with, making the grand total for the year 551.

The usual statistics relating to notifiable infectious diseases are set out in the tables below :—

TABLE I.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1941.  
(*other than Tuberculosis.*)

<i>Disease.</i>					<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	13	13	0
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	4	2	0
Malaria	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Measles	...	...	...	...	120	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	9	2	2
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	...	7	6	1
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	48	38	0
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	118	0	0

TABLE II.

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1941.

<i>Disease.</i>		<i>Years</i>	<i>0-</i>	<i>1-</i>	<i>2-</i>	<i>3-</i>	<i>4-</i>	<i>5-</i>	<i>10-</i>	<i>15-</i>	<i>20-</i>	<i>35-</i>	<i>45-</i>	<i>65+</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever		—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	...	...	—	—	1	1	1	3	2	1	2	1	1	—
Erysipelas	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2
Measles	...	...	6	5	12	10	12	55	10	3	3	4	—	—
Pneumonia	...	...	1	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	1	1	1	2
Polio-myelitis...	...	...	—	1	2	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	...	...	1	—	2	—	2	27	11	2	3	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	5	5	21	8	6	50	8	—	3	1	1	—

TABLE III.

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1937—1941.

<i>Disease.</i>				1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	0	0	0	5	1
Diphtheria	...	...	...	1	9	5	21	13
Dysentery	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	0	1	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	1	3	1	0	4
Malaria	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Measles*	...	...	...	—	—	1	103	120
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	0	0	1	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	3	2	5	4	9
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	7
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	2	1	4	0	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	7	15	12	10	48
Smallpox	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough*	...	...	...	—	—	0	0	118

\* Not notifiable until 1939.

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

<i>Age Periods.</i>	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	<i>Pulmonary.</i>		<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>		<i>Pulmonary.</i>		<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15 „	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1
15—25 „	1	3	—	—	—	1	—	—
25—35 „	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	—
35—45 „	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	—
45—55 „	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—65 „	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
65 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Totals</i>	4	7	—	2	2	1	1	1

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—2 out of 5=40%.



# Easthampstead

## Rural Sanitary District

### GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27,034
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1941	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,430
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1942	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£148,200
Sum represented by a penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£592

### BIRTHS.

For the purpose of calculating the Birth Rate the Registrar-General gives the total births for this District as 286 and a slightly larger number, namely, 293, for calculating Infant Mortality, etc. The Still Births were 5 in all, 2 males and 3 females, all of which were legitimate. Of the 286 “local” births 19 were illegitimate (9 males and 10 females) and of the 267 legitimate births, 133 were male and 134 female.

Corresponding figures for the previous year are : Live Births, legitimate 148 males, 124 females, total 272 ; illegitimate 7 males, 6 females, total 13. Still Births, 10 males, 4 females, total 14.

### DEATHS.

The net number of deaths excluding non-residents but including residents who died elsewhere is 130 males, 145 females, total 275, as compared with 260 in the previous year.

The chief cause of death as will be seen from the table below is disease of the Heart, which accounted for 70 deaths. Cancer takes the next place with 48. Respiratory diseases (Pneumonia, Bronchitis, etc.) account for 21 and Cerebral hæmorrhage (Apoplexy, Stroke, etc.) claimed the same number. Amongst deaths from infectious disease, Tuberculosis (all forms) comes first with 14 deaths, Influenza next with 8, while all the others, including Measles and Whooping Cough, total only 5. Other causes of death which do not call for comment are set out in the following Table.

## CAUSES OF DEATHS IN EASTHAMPSTEAD RURAL DISTRICT, 1941.

CAUSES OF DEATH.							<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
ALL CAUSES							130	145
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	3	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	5	3
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	2	4
8.	Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
9.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	4	4
10.	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	...	4	2
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
15.	Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	4
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	...	19	17
17.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	...	8	13
19.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	30	40
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	...	4	3
21.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	8	7
22.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
23.	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	3	—
25.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
26.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
27.	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	...	2	7
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortion sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Premature birth	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	...	...	...	...	...	2	5
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
34.	Road traffic accident	...	...	...	...	...	3	—
35.	Other violent causes	...	...	...	...	...	3	4
36.	All other causes	...	...	...	...	...	18	23

## INFANT MORTALITY.

There were 11 deaths amongst children under one year of age as compared with 14 in the previous year. Of these 3 were illegitimate. Amongst children under 2 years of age there were no deaths from Diarrhoea, nor were there any in the previous year.

## MATERNAL MORTALITY.

Again, as in the previous year, there were no deaths attributable to, or connected with childbirth.

## LEGISLATION IN FORCE.

In the Report for 1939 (pages 150-157) a full list was given of the Adoptive Acts, Sections, Byelaws, etc., in force in this District. As this remains the same there is no need to repeat the list.

## LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The general arrangements for supplying the local medical practitioners with swabs, etc., are as described in the Preface to previous Reports.

Samples of Milk are taken by the County Police, and of other Foods and Drugs by the Inspectors of the County Department for Weights and Measures. These samples are submitted to the County Analyst. Samples of water for domestic use are taken monthly by the local Sanitary Inspectors.

Swabs and other morbid specimens examined by the Clinical Research Association, London, on behalf of medical practitioners in the neighbourhood, comprised the following :—

<i>Material.</i>					<i>Positive.</i>	<i>Negative.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Swabs for Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	1	41	42
Sputum for Tubercle	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Blood for Typhoid	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Others	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
					—	—	—
					1	41	42
					—	—	—

## AMBULANCE AND MORTUARY FACILITIES.

For the transport of accident and other cases a St. John Ambulance is now available in Bracknell and neighbouring districts at any time upon application to :

Supt. W. Green,  
Dublin Cottage,

Tel. Bracknell 27.

Binfield Road, Bracknell.

A description of the new Mortuary and Post-mortem Room, adjoining the Council Offices in Church Road, was given in the Report for 1938 at page 152. It is available on application to the Surveyor at the Council Offices, Church Road, Bracknell (Tel. 500).



## HOME NURSING.

## TREATMENT CLINICS.

## HOSPITALS.

## MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

The Services indicated by the above-mentioned headings remain as described in previous Reports. The scope and extent of their activities during the past year were similar to those recorded in the Report for 1938 at pages 153-154.

## WATER SUPPLY.

Of the 15 samples taken from public mains during the year, all gave satisfactory results. A start has been made with the installation of the much needed water softening plant at the Works, whence the chief water supply of this District is derived.

## DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The sewerage installations for the Parishes of Binfield, Crowthorne, Sandhurst, Winkfield and the village of Bracknell have been reviewed at length in previous Reports. Various improvements have been carried out during the year, but the long standing difficulty of disposing of sludge still remains. The samples taken from these works during the year by the Thames Conservancy Board Inspectors satisfied their standards.

A piggery for the utilisation of waste food has been established at the Bracknell Works, where cultivation of a large portion of the site is carried on successfully. The Rainfall recorded at this site for the year 1941 was 31.94 inches as against 26.94 for 1940.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING AND SALVAGE.

The weekly collection of house refuse has been maintained throughout the year in spite of many difficulties of transport and labour. The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping.

Salvage is diligently prosecuted and very satisfactory returns have been obtained.

## PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

At the time of writing this Report there is only one Sanitary Inspector, who does *not* devote full time to this office, being also part-time Building Surveyor, left out of the three previously employed. He is Mr. R. H.

Hebbron, who was appointed in November, 1941, to fill a vacancy. Needless to say, this staff of one is quite inadequate for the sanitary needs of the District and steps should be taken immediately to fill the existing vacancies.

### SANITARY INSPECTION.

#### SUMMARY OF WORK PERFORMED BY THE SANITARY INSPECTORS DURING THE YEAR 1941.

District Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	332
Reinspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55
Housing Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64
Housing Reinspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Infected Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	105
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	72
Slaughter Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Dairies and Cowsheds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	87
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Workshops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Food Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	101
Meat Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52
Market Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Interviewed Owners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
Drains Inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	244
Shop Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48
Visits on Complaints	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	235
Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	61
Visits to Sewage Works	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	122
Foundations inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Inspections during construction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57
Drains tested	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Properties Inspected on completion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Inspection of Council Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	166
Miscellaneous inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	182

### SANITARY CONDITIONS REQUIRING NOTICE.

There are no notable changes to record in the sanitary circumstances of the District and the overcrowded conditions referred to in last year's Report have been eased somewhat by a slight reduction in population

attributed to the return of evacuees. No outstanding sanitary difficulties have been experienced although the sanitary condition of some of the buildings taken over temporarily by the Education Authority for evacuated schools leaves much to be desired.

## HOUSING.

### PLANS AND TOWN PLANNING.

Planning and building developments during the year have been confined principally to alterations, many of these being alterations required in connection with the expansion of recently established war time industries.

Planning control is exercised under the protection of the Interim Development Order, 1933, and no appeals against decisions of the Council under this order were lodged during the year. The following is a summary of the plans submitted :—

Houses and Bungalows	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Alterations and Additions	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Garages, Workshops, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Air Raid Shelters	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Canteen	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Gas Storage	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sawmill	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

### COUNCIL HOUSES.

The number of houses owned by the Council remains at 134 and it has been impossible to carry out full maintenance owing to restrictions in building labour and on the use of linseed oil paint. It was therefore decided to inaugurate a scheme designed to encourage tenants to do their own internal redecorations, the Council supplying the necessary materials.

This scheme is now in operation and has proved successful, but it is not known how long it will be possible to obtain supplies of the necessary materials.

### CONTRAVENTIONS.

A number of Byelaw contraventions have occurred during the year, mostly consisting of unauthorised erection of buildings without submission of notices, and some concern is felt at the frequency of these contraventions. The excuse of " war conditions " has been used for the erection and use of roughly constructed or otherwise unsuitable buildings



as dwelling houses. When legal proceedings are undertaken under the present Byelaws, only a nominal penalty is inflicted as a rule and the buildings remain as a nuisance to be dealt with at some future date when the Town Planning Scheme, now in abeyance, comes into force. Technically, some of these buildings are not "let," as there is a denial of any rent paid on the part both of owner and occupier. A penalty on the owner who suffers such a building to be occupied and on the actual occupier appears to be the only remedy for this evasion of the Housing Acts and Byelaws.

### FOOD INSPECTION.

There is no Government Slaughter House in the District and the inspection of meat and other foods is confined to the regular inspection of shops in the District. The following amounts of food were condemned during the year and no statutory action was necessary :—

<i>Meat.</i>	<i>Poultry.</i>	<i>Fish.</i>
237lbs. 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ ozs.	6 chickens.	7-stone kippered
12 tins.	17lbs. 12ozs.	mackerel and two
		boxes of bloaters.
<i>Eggs.</i>	<i>Potatoes.</i>	<i>Butter.</i>
1,071.	30lbs.	12lbs.

### COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

It has been found possible to carry out an increased amount of supervision over milk production in the District and although shortage of labour and materials render the carrying out of structural improvements difficult, some structural improvements have been put in hand on the premises of three milk producers. The number of producers and dairy-men is shown below :—

(1) Producers (Farms) ... ..	72
(2) Retailers ... ..	34
(3) Accredited Producers (included in (1) above) ... ..	10
(4) Tuberculin Tested Producers (included in (1) above) ... ..	5
(5) Tuberculin Tested Bottling Licences ... ..	1
(6) Pasteurised Retailers Licence ... ..	1
Number of inspections ... ..	87
Statutory action ... ..	Nil

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DIPHThERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year the following schools were visited for the purpose of immunisation against Diphtheria : Binfield C.E. ; Crowthorne C.E. Mixed, Broadmoor Council ; Easthampstead C.E., Priestwood Council Mixed and Infants ; Sandhurst C.E., Lower Council, Methodist ; Bracknell Council. The total number of children thus immunised was 1,355 including those of pre-school age and evacuees. At other centres an additional number of 692 children were dealt with, making the grand total for the year 2,047.

The following tables give the chief statistics relating to the notifiable infectious diseases.

TABLE I.  
NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1941.  
(other than Tuberculosis.)

<i>Disease.</i>					<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	2 (2)	2	0
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	8 (8)	8	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	7 (1)	7	1
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	5 (1)	1	0
Malaria	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Measles	...	...	...	...	501 (74)	23	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	16 (1)	0	0
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	...	3	3	1
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	53 (7)	33	0
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	123 (23)	0	0

The figures in brackets ( ) refer to cases occurring in institutions and are included in the preceding number.

TABLE II.  
AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1941.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>0-</i>	<i>1-</i>	<i>2-</i>	<i>3-</i>	<i>4-</i>	<i>5-</i>	<i>10-</i>	<i>15-</i>	<i>20-</i>	<i>35-</i>	<i>45-</i>	<i>65+</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Diphtheria ...	...	—	—	—	2	—	2	2	—	—	1	—	—
Dysentery ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—
Erysipelas ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	2
Measles ...	...	7	24	26	46	45	214	92	19	22	4	2	—
Ophthalmia Neon- atorum ...	...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia ...	...	—	—	—	—	2	4	1	1	2	1	3	2
Poliomyelitis ...	...	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ...	...	1	—	1	4	1	26	8	5	5	2	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	...	4	15	21	24	12	43	2	1	—	—	—	1

TABLE III.

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS 1937-1941.

<i>Disease.</i>				<i>1937.</i>	<i>1938.</i>	<i>1939.</i>	<i>1940.</i>	<i>1941.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	0	1	0	0	2
Dysentery	...	...	...	0	1	0	2	8
Diphtheria	...	...	...	8	7	15	22	7
Encephalitis Lethargica		...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid)	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	3	1	6	3	5
Malaria	...	...	...	0	0	0	1	0
Measles*	...	...	...	—	—	0	262	501
Ophthalmia Neonatorum		...	...	0	1	0	0	1
Pneumonia	...	...	...	14	12	4	24	16
Polio-myelitis	...	...	...	1	11	2	1	3
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	0	3	1	1	1
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	59	33	13	26	53
Smallpox	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough*	...	...	...	—	—	24	16	123

\* *Not notifiable until 1939.*



TUBERCULOSIS.

Particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and of all deaths from this disease, whether the cases have been notified or not during the current year, are set out in the table below.

Age Periods.		NEW CASES.				DEATHS			
		Pulmonary.		Non-Pul'y		Pulmonary.		Non-Pul'y.	
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 5 years	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15	„ ...	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—
15—25	„ ...	2	2	1	—	—	1	—	1
25—35	„ ...	2	—	1	—	2	2	—	—
35—45	„ ...	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55	„ ...	2	1	—	—	1	—	1	—
55—65	„ ...	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 and over	...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Totals	...	10	5	4	—	5	4	1	1

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—3 out of 11=27.27%.

## Windsor Rural Sanitary District

### GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,665
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1940	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,405
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1942	...	...	...	...	...	...	£106,261
Sum represented by penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	£430
Outstanding Loans at 1st April, 1942	...	...	...	...	...	...	£155,526

### BIRTHS.

To compensate for the additional war time population the Registrar-General has supplied two sets of figures to represent the Births attributable to this District, (a) the smaller for the purpose of calculating the local Birth Rate ; and (b) the larger for calculating Infant and Maternal Mortalities. These are given in the columns marked (a) and (b) respectively in the following Table. The totals are practically the same as for the previous year.

#### BIRTHS TABLE. 1941.

		<i>Male.</i>		<i>Female.</i>		<i>Total.</i>	
		(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)
Legitimate Births	...	85	84	64	88	149	152
Illegitimate Births	...	4	4	4	4	8	8
Total Live Births	...	89	88	68	72	157	162
Total Still Births	...	1		5		6	

### DEATHS.

The net number of deaths attributed to this District by the Registrar-General is 150, comprising 78 males and 72 females. In the previous year the numbers were 77 males, 71 females, total 148. The principal

causes of death as will be seen from the subsequent table were : Heart Disease 40, Cancer 24, Diseases of the Blood-vessels (including 11 from Cerebral Hæmorrhage) 16, Respiratory Diseases (Pneumonia, Bronchitis, etc.) 22. There were 4 deaths from Violence including one Road Accident.

Amongst infectious diseases, 7 were attributed to Influenza, 5 to Tuberculosis (all forms) and 2 to Measles. There were no deaths from any of the other notifiable diseases.

### CAUSES OF DEATHS IN WINDSOR RURAL DISTRICT, 1941.

CAUSES OF DEATH.							Males.	Females.
ALL CAUSES							78	72
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
8.	Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
9.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	1	6
10.	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	...	2	3
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
15.	Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	...	10	8
17.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	...	5	6
19.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	20	20
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	...	3	2
21.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	9	3
22.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	6	2
23.	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
25.	Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
26.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
27.	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	...	3	—
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	3	—
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortive sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Premature birth	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	...	...	...	...	...	—	4
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
34.	Road traffic accident	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
35.	Other violent causes	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
36.	All other causes	...	...	...	...	...	6	6



## INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY.

## INFANT MORTALITY.

Amongst infants under one year of age there were 9 deaths (2 male and 7 female), being one less than in the previous year. Two were due to Premature Birth. None of these was illegitimate.

There were no deaths from Diarrhoea in children under 2 years of age, but in the previous year there were 3 from this cause.

## MATERNAL MORTALITY.

There were no deaths this year arising from causes connected with child birth, nor were there any in the previous year.

## PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

There is one whole-time Officer (Mr. W. H. Rowsell, Council Offices, Bowden Road, Sunninghill, *Tel.* Ascot 893), who holds the combined appointments of Sanitary Inspector and Building Surveyor for the whole District and who is also Superintendent of Scavenging for the Parish of Old Windsor. The supervision of the Council's Sewerage Works and Scavenging Scheme for the two other parishes, Sunninghill and Sunningdale, is undertaken by Mr. E. J. Toy, "Mascal," Ascot (*Tel.* Ascot 357).

## LEGISLATION IN FORCE.

For a full list of the Adoptive Acts, Byelaws and Regulations in force in this District see Annual Report for 1937 at pages 190-192, also Report for 1939 at page 117.

## LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The laboratory facilities are the same for this as for the other Districts in the combination, and are described under the appropriate heading in the Preface of previous Reports, where a list of Special Clinics, Consultants, etc., will also be found.

A statement of specimens examined, analyses made, etc., is given below.

<i>Material.</i>					<i>Positive.</i>	<i>Negative.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Swabs for Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	1	3	4
Sputum for Tubercle	...	...	...	...	0	1	1
Blood for Typhoid	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
Other Specimens	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
					—	—	—
					1	4	5
					—	—	—

Official milk sampling is done by the County Police.

Sampling of other foods and drugs is done by the Inspectors of the County Weights and Measures Department.

Samples of water for drinking and domestic purposes are taken by the Sanitary Inspector.

One sample of the few remaining private water supplies was taken this year and proved to be unfit for drinking and domestic purposes. Of the public supply, 24 samples were taken under the "Six Districts Agreement," of which 5 were in Windsor Rural District. All yielded satisfactory results.

### AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

There is no local ambulance. For the removal of patients the ambulance belonging to the Hospital to which the patient is to be removed is employed. In the case of emergency the St. John Ambulance stationed at Bracknell would be available on application to :

Supt. W. Green,  
Dublin Cottage,  
Tel. Bracknell 27.                      Binfield Road, Bracknell.

### HOME NURSING.

### TREATMENT CLINICS.

### HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES.

### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

These Services remain the same as described in the Report for 1938 at page 201.

### WATER SUPPLY.

A description of the Water Supply in this District was given at length in the Report for 1937 at page 94, which need not be repeated as the conditions remain unchanged, and further comments were added in the Report for 1938 at page 202. The chief source of supply is from the public mains of the South-West Suburban Water Company. By an arrangement with the six Districts in this neighbourhood on the same supply, samples from service pipes are taken periodically in rotation and the results of the analyses circulated.

Under the combined sampling arrangements, operating between neighbouring Authorities, 24 Analyst's Reports were received during 1941, on samples of water taken from the public supply. In no case was the water judged to be unfit for drinking purposes. One sample submitted from a farm house well in this District proved to be unfit by reason of animal pollution and lead content. This well was duly closed and the public supply laid on.

### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The drainage and sewerage of this District has been fully described in previous Reports under this heading and need not be repeated. Mr. E. J. Toy is the Works Manager and Sanitary Superintendent, whose address and telephone number are "Mascal," Ascot; Ascot 357.

### PUBLIC CLEANSING.

As mentioned in previous Reports, Wet Scavenging, *i.e.*, emptying of cesspools, is still carried out in the Parishes of Sunninghill and Sunningdale at the few houses which have not yet been connected to the public sewer, most of these being so situated that connection is impossible. The Parish of Old Windsor is not sewered.

Dry Scavenging, *i.e.*, removal of house refuse, is carried out in all three parishes and combined with it there is an extensive (and intensive) Salvaging Scheme for the recovery of useable waste materials.

Considerable difficulties have been encountered during 1941 in connection with the Wet and Dry Scavenging of the Parish of Old Windsor. Early in the year, the Dry Refuse Contractor terminated his contract, leaving the Parish without labour, vehicle, or means of disposal. Negotiations were opened, and satisfactorily concluded, with a neighbouring



Authority, by which the refuse might be disposed of at their incinerator. Arrangements (temporary) were also made for the hiring of a lorry (an old one of 1922), and one man, for three days every other week. It was thus possible to re-start the collections after a lapse of two weeks. Steps were put in hand to expedite delivery of the Dry Refuse Body, tentatively ordered in 1939, as part of the Dual Purpose Machine then purchased, and at the same time, a scheme was prepared for the erection of garage premises, with lifting tackle for the bodies. By the end of the year, the garage was well advanced, and at the time of writing is complete and housing two 750-gallon cesspool machines, one of which is of the dual-purpose type, for wet and dry scavenging. The dry refuse collection is now carried out with this machine, and by direct labour, except for the hiring of one man, for three days every other week.

### SANITARY INSPECTION.

The Report of Mr. W. H. Rowsell, Sanitary Inspector for this District, for the year ended 31st December, 1941, is reproduced below.

	Council Offices,
To Dr. J. J. Paterson,	Bowden Road, Sunninghill.
Medical Officer of Health.	<i>Tel. Ascot 893.</i>

Dear Sir,

I give below a brief summary of facts relating to my duties as Sanitary and Building Inspector, and Cleansing Superintendent (Old Windsor) during the year 1941.

Inspection of dwelling houses has been confined largely to complaints, although "routine inspection" was made in 19 instances. Four Statutory Notices were served during the year. Defects at premises requisitioned for billeting purposes are rectified by the Local Authority subject to approval by the Ministry of Health.

One serious case of overcrowding was investigated during the year, and at the time of writing, is unrelieved. The quantity of foodstuffs condemned, although greater than in normal times, does not appear excessive, having regard to the difficulties of production and handling, this is perhaps most noticeably reflected in the increased number of complaints as to "milk souring."

Complaints of “ drainage nuisances ” have been exceptionally few, in spite of the fact that many properties have been subjected to usage for which they were not originally designed, *e.g.*, occupation of ordinary dwellings by evacuated firms, military personnel, evacuees, etc. The unsewered Parish of Old Windsor continues to present some difficulties in this respect, and it should be added that the Outfall Works for the rest of the District (see Report by Sewerage Superintendent) are now heavily over-loaded.

With the ever-increasing shortage of skilled labour, it can hardly be said that conditions prevailing in the production and distribution of foodstuffs conform to the desirable standards suggested by the various enactments. Thirty-three food premises were visited during the year, excluding dairies and bakehouses. No seriously defective conditions were observed, but in most cases it was necessary to press for a greater degree of cleanliness. The five bakehouses in the District have each been inspected twice during the year and in one case conditions merited the service of written notice on the occupier. Facts relating to Dairies and Milk Supply are given in a succeeding paragraph. I give below a list of the foodstuffs surrendered as unfit for human consumption :— Eggs, 700 ; Butter, 3lbs. ; Brawn, 56lbs. ; Meat, 20lbs. ; Canned Beef, 42lbs.

Tables relating to housing and other matters are submitted herewith together with specific reports on other duties.

#### SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND RE-INSPECTIONS in connection with :

Dwelling houses (Public Health and Housing Acts)	...	...	148
Drainage work	... ..	...	43
Infectious disease	... ..	...	37
Cowsheds and dairies	... ..	...	15
Factories and workshops	... ..	...	8
Shop premises	... ..	...	21
Slaughter houses and butchers' shops	... ..	...	12
Food stores (others)	... ..	...	33
Tents, vans, sheds, etc.	... ..	...	<i>Nil</i>
Water courses	... ..	...	<i>Nil</i>
Miscellaneous (Interviews, etc.)	... ..	...	62

## NOTICES.

Ninety-eight Informal Notices were given during the year (including verbal); the majority were complied with by the year's end, but owing to emergency work a complete check has not been possible.

## ITEMS OF DISREPAIR AND NUISANCES, ETC., COVERED BY NOTICES.

Animals improperly kept	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Damp walls	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Drains obstructed	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
„ re-laid (whole systems)	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Defective rain water gutters and pipes	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
„ brickwork of walls, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
„ unpaved and undrained yard surfaces	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
„ or missing sub-floor ventilators	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
„ or missing dust bins	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
„ firegrates (cooking stoves, coppers, etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
„ stairs	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
„ windows and doors (including fastenings, sashcords, etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
„ floors	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
„ drainage	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
„ and insufficient cesspool accommodation (houses affected)	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Factories needing cleansing	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Food premises needing cleansing	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Foul or obstructed water courses	...	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Insanitary sinks	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Leaky roofs	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Rooms needing cleansing and decorating	...	...	...	...	...	...	55
Water closets needing cleansing	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
„ „ apparatus defective	...	...	...	...	...	...	12

The foregoing figures do not include maintenance and repairs to some ninety Council houses and other properties owned by the Local Authority.

(Signed) W. H. ROWSELL,

*Sanitary Inspector.*



## BUILDING SURVEYOR'S REPORT, 1941.

The following is a summary of my work as Building Surveyor during the year ended 31st December, 1941 :—

<i>Plans deposited during 1941.</i>					<i>Approved.</i>	<i>Rejected.</i>
New buildings	...	...	...	...	12	5
Alterations and additions	...	...	...	...	11	—
Change of user	...	...	...	...	1	1
Drainage	...	...	...	...	6	1
Lay-out	...	...	...	...	1	1
Inspections made	...	...	...	...	87	—

In view of the Government's appeal for restricted use of materials and labour for property maintenance purposes, the Council abandoned, for the war period, the general maintenance policy as to Council houses, referred to in the Report for 1939, page 127. Individual applications for repairs and decorations have now to be considered on merit. This proves a difficult and constantly recurring procedure.

(Signed) W. H. ROWSELL,  
*Building Surveyor.*

## SHOPS AND OFFICES.

Visits to shop premises during 1941 were probably more numerous than ordinarily owing to the number paid by the Sanitary Inspector in his capacity as Food Executive Officer. Shortage of staff is the invariable excuse for such defects as are found, but reasonable efforts are made to comply with the requirements of the Shops Act, 1934, especially with regard to sanitary accommodation and washing facilities.

## CAMPING SITES.

## SMOKE ABATEMENT.

## SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

## SANITARY CONDITIONS REQUIRING NOTICE.

The above subjects were commented upon in the Report for 1939, pages 128-129, to which there is nothing to add.

## HOUSING.

The following is a statement of the Sanitary Inspector under the Housing and Public Health Acts during the past year :—

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :—*
  - (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 32
  - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 148
  - (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932 ... 19
  - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 51
  - (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... Nil
  - (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 32
2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... 22
3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—*
  - A. *Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*
    - (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... 4
    - (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :
      - (a) By Owners ... 4
      - (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... Nil
  - B. *Proceedings under Public Health Acts* ... Nil
  - C. *Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :*
    - (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... Nil
    - (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... Nil
  - D. *Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936* ... Nil

4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding.*

(1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	<i>Nil</i>
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases	<i>Nil</i>

One serious case is recorded, and is as yet un-relieved, as the case is one of a billeted family. The matter is receiving the attention of the Billeting Officer.

## MILK SUPPLY.

The particulars relating to the production and sale of milk in this District are summarised below :—

Wholesale Producers	...	...	...	...	...	2
Retail Producers	...	...	...	...	...	8
Retail Purveyors (including Retail Producers)	...	...	...	...	...	10
Retailers (Milk Shops, etc.), excluding Purveyors	...	...	...	...	...	3
					<i>Pasteu-</i>	
				<i>Accredited.</i>	<i>T.T.</i>	<i>rised.</i>
No. of Producers licensed	...	...	...	1	1	—
„ „ Retailers licensed	...	...	...	—	4	1
„ „ Distributors licensed	...	...	...	—	—	—
Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1936 :						
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Contraventions of Public Health Acts :						
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Number of inspections	...	...	...	...	...	10

There are 10 dairy farms in this District, of which 1 is licensed for “ Accredited ” production and 1 for “ T.T.”

Complaints of “ milk souring ” have been numerous during the year under review, but enquiry has shown that in most instances they concern milk purchased through the Milk Marketing Board, rather than that locally produced.

## MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

During the year under review, meat for this District has been supplied from animals slaughtered at the Government Slaughter House at Windsor, which means that none of the five slaughter houses in the Area has been in use, apart from occasional killing by cottagers and others, under the Ministry of Food self-supply Meat Scheme.



## INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year the following schools were visited for the purpose of immunisation against Diphtheria: Old Windsor Mixed and Infants, Park Royal; Sunningdale Mixed and Infants; Sunninghill Infants, Cheapside, C.E. Mixed, St. Francis. The total number of children thus immunised was 859 including those of pre-school age and evacuees. At other centres an additional number of 162 children were dealt with, making the grand total for the year 1,021.

The following tables give the main statistical features of the cases occurring in this District during the year 1941:—

TABLE I.

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1941.

(other than Tuberculosis.)

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever ... ..	1 (1)	1	0
Diphtheria ... ..	6	5	1
Encephalitis Lethargica ... ..	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid) ... ..	0	0	0
Erysipelas ... ..	0	0	0
Malaria ... ..	0	0	0
Measles ... ..	407 (52)	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... ..	1	0	0
Pneumonia ... ..	7 (7)	2	0
Polioencephalitis ... ..	0	0	0
Poliomyelitis- ... ..	2 (1)	1	0
Puerperal Fever ... ..	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	1 (1)	0	0
Scarlet Fever ... ..	18 (13)	17	0
Smallpox ... ..	0	0	0
Whooping Cough ... ..	41 (4)	2	0

The figures in brackets ( ) indicate cases which occurred at an institution; they are included in the totals given.

TABLE II.

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1941.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>0-</i>	<i>1-</i>	<i>2-</i>	<i>3-</i>	<i>4-</i>	<i>5-</i>	<i>10-</i>	<i>15-</i>	<i>20-</i>	<i>35-</i>	<i>45-</i>	<i>65+</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever...		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Diphtheria ...	...	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
Measles ...	...	6	18	22	22	32	222	64	11	7	3	-	-
Ophthalmia													
Neonatorum	...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia ...	...	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
Poliomyelitis ...	...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever ...	...	-	-	1	2	-	6	2	-	3	3	1	-
Whooping Cough	...	3	4	4	6	5	19	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE III.

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1937—1941.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>1937.</i>	<i>1938.</i>	<i>1939.</i>	<i>1940.</i>	<i>1941.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever ... ..	0	0	0	1	1
Diphtheria ... ..	6	20	2	1	6
Encephalitis Lethargica ... ..	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid) ... ..	0	2	0	0	0
Erysipelas ... ..	1	4	2	1	0
Malaria ... ..	0	0	0	0	0
*Measles ... ..	—	—	0	22	407
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... ..	0	2	0	0	1
Pneumonia ... ..	7	7	1	8	7
Polio-encephalitis ... ..	0	0	1	0	0
Polio-myelitis ... ..	0	0	0	0	2
Puerperal Fever ... ..	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	0	4	2	3	1
Scarlet Fever ... ..	21	29	7	10	18
Smallpox ... ..	0	0	0	0	0
*Whooping Cough ... ..	—	—	1	8	41

\* Not notifiable until 1939.

## TUBERCULOSIS.

It was not necessary to take any specific action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (compulsory discontinuance of employment) or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925 (compulsory removal of patients to institutions). These powers are now included in Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

The following table gives the required particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and deaths from all forms of that disease during 1941.

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

<i>Age Periods.</i>	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	<i>Pulmonary. Non-Pul'y.</i>		<i>Pulmonary. Non-Pul'y.</i>		<i>Pulmonary. Non-Pul'y.</i>		<i>Pulmonary. Non-Pul'y.</i>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5 years ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
5—15 „ ...	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
15—25 „ ...	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
25—35 „ ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—45 „ ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55 „ ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—65 „ ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Totals</i> ...	4	4	1	—	1	1	1	—

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—1 case out of 3=33.3%.



Wokingham  
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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40,828
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of								
1941	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,836
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1942				...	...	...	...	£205,609
Sum represented by Penny Rate				...	...	...		£851 10s. 5d.
Outstanding Loans—Housing	...		...	...	...	...	...	£236,045
All other	...		...	...	...	...	...	£118,281
Total	...		...	...	...	...	...	£354,326

BIRTHS.

This year the Registrar-General has supplied two sets of figures to represent the Births attributable to this District. (a) the smaller for the purpose of calculating the local Birth Rate ; and (b) the larger for calculating Infant and Maternal Mortalities. These are given in the column marked (a) and (b) respectively in the following Table.

BIRTHS TABLE. 1941.

		<i>Male.</i>		<i>Female.</i>		<i>Total.</i>	
		(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)
Legitimate Births	...	241	249	201	206	442	255
Illegitimate Births	...	20	20	4	4	24	24
Total Live Births	...	261	269	205	210	466	279
Total Still Births	...		9		10		19

DEATHS.

As has been explained in previous Reports the gross number of deaths registered locally has to be corrected for residents dying elsewhere (inward transfers) and for non-residents dying in Institutions, etc., in the District (outward transfers) ; also, in order to make Death Rates in different districts comparable a correcting factor is applied to the death rate to compensate for age and sex differences in the population ; the result is known as the Standard Death Rate.

The net number of deaths attributed to this District is 373, comprising 182 males and 191 females. In the previous year the corresponding figures were 175 males and 176 females ; total 351.

The causes of death are set out in the following Table, from which it will be noted that a very large number, namely 102, were due to Heart Disease, while Cancer accounted for 55 deaths and Respiratory Diseases, *e.g.*, Bronchitis, Pneumonia, etc., came next with 46 deaths. Diseases of the Blood-vessels (including Cerebral Hæmorrhage) was responsible for 37 deaths. As to deaths from Violence, there were 8 road traffic deaths, 9 from other accidents, etc., and 2 suicides.

Amongst infectious diseases there were 14 deaths from Tuberculosis (all forms), 9 from Influenza, 3 from Whooping Cough, but only 1 from Measles and 2 from affections of the Brain.

#### CAUSES OF DEATHS IN WOKINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT, 1941.

CAUSES OF DEATH.							Males.	Females
ALL CAUSES							182	191
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	4	6
7.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
8.	Syphilitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	4	—
9.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	4	5
10.	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
11.	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
12.	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
13.	Cancer of Body cavity and Oesophagus (M) Uterus (F)	...	...	...	...	...	4	5
14.	Cancer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	3	5
15.	Cancer of breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	6
16.	Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	...	18	14
17.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
18.	Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	...	...	...	14	19
19.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	50	52
20.	Other diseases of circulatory system	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
21.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	13	13
22.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	6	10
23.	Other respiratory diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
24.	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
25.	Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
26.	Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
27.	Other digestive diseases	...	...	...	...	...	9	9
28.	Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	2	4
29.	Puerperal and Post-abortion sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
30.	Other maternal causes	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Premature birth	...	...	...	...	...	4	2
32.	Congenital malformation, birth injury, infantile diseases	...	...	...	...	...	5	2
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
34.	Road traffic accident	...	...	...	...	...	7	1
35.	Other violent causes	...	...	...	...	...	4	5
36.	All other causes	...	...	...	...	...	21	17

## INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY.

## INFANT MORTALITY.

There were 21 deaths of infants under one year of age, including 6 premature infants, as against 23 in the previous year. Only one of these was an illegitimate child.

Of deaths from Diarrhoea under two years of age, there were 2, and none the previous year.

Still Births numbered 19 (none illegitimate), there being only 10 in 1940.

## MATERNAL MORTALITY.

As in the previous year there were no deaths from Maternal causes.

## PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

The Staff, office accommodation, etc., remains the same as recorded in the Report for 1939, at page 143. The Sanitary Inspector,\* absent on Military Service, was replaced by Mr. M. Cottrell on 15th January, 1941.

## LEGISLATION IN FORCE.

A full list of Adoptive Acts, Bye-laws, etc., in force in this District was given in the Report for 1938, at pages 232-233, to which the only amendment is the new series of Building Bye-laws which become operative as from 1st July, 1939.

## LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The arrangements for the examination of swabs, sputa, blood and other morbid materials are the same as for the other Districts in the combination. A brief description of these facilities as well as a list of the Laboratories, Consultants, etc., available for the work, has been given in the Preface in previous Reports and need not be repeated.

A statement of specimens examined, analyses made, etc., is given below.

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\* It is with sincere regret that I have to record the fact that this member of our Staff, Mr. Wm. K. Manifould, who had such excellent qualities and was a youth of great promise, has for many months now been reported "missing" after an R.A.F. flight over enemy occupied territory. In his spare time he learned the art of flying some years ago and joined the R.A.F. on the outbreak of war and was, I understand, there engaged in a highly skilled capacity. J.J.P.



For the convenience of Medical Practitioners practising in the western side of the District adjacent to Reading, swabs and other morbid specimens for examination may be sent to the Pathological Laboratory at the Royal Berks Hospital, Reading, to avoid delay in the post when the circumstances of the case are urgent.

In this, as in other cases, the District Council defrays the cost of examination and report.

By the Clinical Research Association, London :

<i>Material.</i>			<i>Positive.</i>	<i>Negative.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Swabs for Diphtheria	...	...	0	30	30
Sputum for Tubercle	...	...	0	0	0
Blood for Typhoid	...	...	0	0	0
Other specimens	...	...	0	0	0
			—	—	—
			0	30	30
			—	—	—

By the Pathological Department, Royal Berks Hospital, Reading :

<i>Material.</i>			<i>Positive.</i>	<i>Negative.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Swabs for Diphtheria	...	...	2	71	73
Other specimens	...	...	1	2	3
			—	—	—
			3	73	76
			—	—	—

Official samples of Milk are taken by the Police, and in this District samples of other Foodstuffs and Drugs are taken by Inspectors of the County Weights and Measures Department.

### AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The new Ambulance stationed in Wokingham Borough is available for work in this District (see corresponding paragraph in Wokingham Borough Section). The special ambulance attached to Hospitals serving this District are also available so that an adequate service for normal needs is maintained.

### HOME NURSING.

### TREATMENT CLINICS.

### HOSPITALS.

### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

These services remain the same as described in the Report for 1938 at pages 234-235.

### WATER SUPPLY.

The Public Water Supply in this District has been described in previous Reports (see that for 1938, page 236).

Samples of water were taken from 53 private wells in various parts of the District and were submitted to the Royal Institute of Public Health for bacteriological analysis. Eighteen samples were classified as good, 7 passable and 28 unfit. Appropriate action has been taken in regard to the unfit samples.

During the year, 4 Statutory Notices were served ; 2 were complied with by the owners of the properties, one of whom appealed against the Notice to the Minister of Health, but the appeal was dismissed.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.

Statutory Notices were served on the owner of a bungalow named " Woodside," Aggisters Lane, Wokingham Without, to provide a wholesome water supply and a satisfactory earth closet.

As the notices were not complied with the Council themselves had the work carried out and are recovering the costs incurred in manner prescribed by the Act.

### SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There are only 3 recognised swimming baths and pools in the District, *i.e.*, California-in-England, Nine Mile Ride ; Robinson Crusoe Holiday Camp, Longmoor ; and the Henley Bathing Station at Remenham.

### CAMPING SITES.

There are only two Camping Sites of any size in the District, *i.e.*, Robinson Crusoe Holiday Camp, Park Lane, Finchampstead ; and the Gypsy Encampment at Mole Road, Winnersh ; the particulars of which were given in my Report for 1938, page 248.

### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The modified main drainage scheme referred to in previous Reports has not been carried out, as sanction to raise the necessary loan was refused owing to the financial restrictions in force, but the construction of a temporary Sewage Disposal Works has now received approval of the Ministry of Health and these works will deal with the sewage of approximately 255 existing houses at present connected to sewers discharging into a septic tank.



## PUBLIC CLEANSING AND SALVAGE.

## WET SCAVENGING.

This work continues to increase owing to the conditions mentioned in the last Report, and recourse had again to be made for the hiring of a cesspool emptier to cope with the work. Permission to purchase another vehicle was granted during the year, as a result of a further application being made by the Council to the Ministry of Health pointing out that another cesspool emptier was urgently required in order to cope with the increased demands on this service, and it is expected that the new emptier will commence work in June.

Owing to the increased difficulties of obtaining suitable labour, also spare parts, some of the Council's vehicles have been off the road for long periods, thereby having a detrimental effect on the efficiency of the service.

## SALVAGE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The collection and disposal of Salvage materials due to the directions of the Ministry of Supply that certain waste materials must be collected from all occupied premises in the District, caused a considerable increase in the work of the Department, and in view of the appeal by the Government for a reduction in petrol consumption, horses and vans with female labour were employed for the work.

This resulted in a considerable increase in the quantities of salvage collected and a reduction in the consumption of petrol.

The value of materials salvaged during the year amounted to approximately £1,860, but figures are not available for the actual net cost of collection and sorting, as both refuse and salvage materials were collected by the same vehicle in some parts of the District.

The main salvage depot at Winnersh again dealt with most of the salvage materials collected, but additional depots at Sidmouth Grange, Earley, and at Twyford, were of great assistance, as were the paper baling depot at Woodley, and the collection depot at Three Mile Cross, Shinfield.



## SANITARY INSPECTION.

Following is the Report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector for the year 1941.

Council Offices,

Shute End,

J. J. Paterson, Esq., M.D., D.P.H.,

Wokingham, Berks.

Medical Officer of Health,

Guildhall, Maidenhead, Berks.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour of presenting herewith my Report of work carried out during the year ended 31st December, 1941.

The total number of visits made during the year was 4,618, apportioned as below :

Number of complaints received	...	...	...	...	...	213
„ „ Informal Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	237
„ „ „ „ „ complied with	...	...	...	...	...	215
„ „ visits in connection with infectious disease	...	...	...	...	...	330
„ „ „ „ „ water supply	...	...	...	...	...	178
„ „ „ to dwelling houses	...	...	...	...	...	2,145
„ „ „ to moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	83
„ „ „ to factories	...	...	...	...	...	71
„ „ „ to shop premises under Shops Act	...	...	...	...	...	82
„ „ „ to cafes, restaurants and hotels	...	...	...	...	...	44
„ „ „ to dairy farms and dairies	...	...	...	...	...	365
„ „ „ to butchers' shops	...	...	...	...	...	258
„ „ „ to schools	...	...	...	...	...	57
„ „ miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	...	716

The above figures include work carried out under the heading " Housing Statistics " which is submitted herewith on the prescribed form.

## SCHOOLS.

Fifty-seven visits were made to schools in the area. The matters receiving particular attention were water supply and drainage.

Samples of water were taken for analysis from 5 schools which had their own well supplies. The results may be classified as 2 good and 3 unfit. One of the unfit supplies subsequently produced a good result after cleansing of the reservoir, etc., Of the other two unfit samples one is at a temporary L.C.C. School, and water for this school is being

delivered daily from a pure supply adjacent; the other unfit well has been temporarily closed, pending proposed water main extension.

#### ANTHRAX ORDER, 1938.

Seven notifications of suspected cases were received during the year under this Order, but these were subsequently not confirmed.

#### TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1928.

#### SWINE FEVER ORDER, 1938.

No notifications were received during the year under these Orders.

#### DISINFESTATION.

The majority of cases dealt with were in connection with Scabies. Every known case was visited, and where a doctor had not been consulted, advice was given, and where necessary a suitable ointment provided.

Arrangements were also made with the Public Assistance Authority for the use of the steam disinfecting apparatus at the Emergency Hospital, Wokingham, for the disinfestation of infected bedding. Owing to shortage of labour, however, the Public Assistance Authority cannot provide assistance for working the apparatus and this has to be done by one of the Sanitary Inspectors.

Twenty-nine disinfestations were carried out at various houses during the year.

#### SMOKE ABATEMENT.

There was no need for any action to be taken with a view to the abatement of nuisance from smoke in this area.

#### CIVILIAN WAR DEATHS : MORTUARY ACCOMMODATION.

The position regarding temporary mortuary accommodation in the area remains the same, and the details are as stated in the previous year's Report (page 112).

#### OTHER ITEMS.

Owing to the absence on War Service of the Housing Manager, this department was engaged for a period of about five months during the year in making inspections of Council houses for defects, and the issuing of orders for the necessary repairs, etc. The Council appointed a new Housing Manager in July, 1941.

Other items usually included in this section of the Report, *e.g.*, Food Inspection, Housing, etc., are incorporated in special paragraphs later.

(Signed) W. L. LONGHURST,  
Senior Sanitary Inspector.



## HOUSING.

## GENERAL INFORMATION.

The following particulars have been supplied by Mr. Edwin A. Hoskins, who is in charge of the Building Surveyor's Department, through the absence of Mr. Tween, Building Surveyor, on Military Service.

Plans for 101 buildings of various categories were submitted for the Council's consideration, 21 of these were disapproved under Building Bye-laws.

The increase in the number of applications was due mainly to the additional accommodation required for the housing of evacuee families and essential workers and the temporary transfer of businesses to the District from blitzed and possible danger areas.

Number of plans deposited :

For new buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
For alterations and additions to existing buildings						...	66
Number of new dwellings erected	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

The number of dwelling houses erected and owned by the District Council remains at 402.

## HOUSING ACT, 1936.

Two families living in some cottages at Farley Hill, Swallowfield, had their houses so badly damaged by enemy action as to render them unfit for habitation. As it was necessary to re-house these families, the Council, with the approval of the Ministry of Health, had two old vacant houses, namely The Yellow Cottage, Arborfield Hall Farm, and a detached cottage at Dunningshole, Arborfield-Swallowfield Road, renovated and made temporarily habitable. These families are now in residence. The properties were formally requisitioned for this purpose, and the costs of the repairs amounted to £25 18s. 1d. and £50 respectively. The occupiers are charged a weekly rental of 3s. 6d.

One undertaking was received from an owner of a cottage at Woodley Green and accepted by the Council, to the effect that the cottage would not be used for habitation until made fit.

## HOUSING (RURAL WORKERS) ACT, 1926.

No applications were received during the year under these Acts, but a grant of £100 was paid to the trustees of the late Lord Renmant, of Bear Place, Wargrave, in respect of one of the estate cottages. The work in connection with this cottage was completed in 1939.



## HOUSING STATISTICS.

The record of work done under the Housing Acts, etc., during the past year is as follows :—

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :—*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	391
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	940
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925, and Amendment Regulations, 1932 ... ..	41
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ..	195
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	2
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... ..	39

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ...	51
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—*A. *Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936*

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ..	9
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :	
(a) By Owners ... ..	9
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... ..	Nil

B. *Proceedings under Public Health Acts...* NilC. *Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936* NilD. *Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936* ... Nil4. *Housing Act, 1936. Part IV—Overcrowding.*

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ... ..	24
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein ... ..	29
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ... ..	145½

(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
(c)	(i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
	(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	...					173
(d)	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	...						<i>Nil</i>
(e)	Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	...	...	...				<i>Nil</i>

## INSPECTION OF FOOD.

## MILK SUPPLY.

As mentioned in the Report for 1938 (page 255), this is a large milk producing district, there being 151 farms where milk is produced and 53 are producing Designated Milk. An important item in this respect is the fact that the National Institute for Research in Dairying has its headquarters in the Parish of Shinfield in this District.

## DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

## Number on Register :

Wholesale Producers—Number of Farms	...	...	...	102
Retail Producers	...	...	...	49
Retail Purveyors	...	...	...	19

				<i>Tuberculin</i>		<i>Pasteu-</i>
Number Licensed :				<i>Tested.</i>	<i>Accredited.</i>	<i>rised.</i>
Producers	...	...	...	13	31	<i>Nil</i>
Producers and Retailers	...	...	...	4	5	<i>Nil</i>
Distributors (Retail Purveyors)	...	...	...	3	2	<i>Nil</i>
Supplementary	...	...	...	2	<i>Nil</i>	2
Total number of Dairy Farms	...	...	...	...	...	151
Contraventions of Milk and Dairies Order, 1926 :						
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	36
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	32
Contravention of Public Health Acts :						
Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	<i>Nil</i>
Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	365

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER, 1926.

Three hundred and sixty-five visits were made to dairy farms and dairies and in 36 cases it was found necessary to serve preliminary notices which embodied the undermentioned matters :

Water supply—unfit	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Lighting—insufficient	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Ventilation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Limewashing overdue	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Drainage unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Floors unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Yards insanitary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Cows not being cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Milkers not wearing clean clothing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Milkers' dirty hands	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Milkers' stools dirty	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Milk utensils not properly cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Miscellaneous articles stored in dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

BAKEHOUSES.

There are 19 Bakehouses in the District. Informal Notices were issued in respect of the following matters :

Contraventions under Factory Act discovered	...	...	5
Contraventions under Factory Act remedied	...	...	4

BUTCHERS' PREMISES AND MEAT.

Two hundred and fifty-eight visits were made to butchers' premises for the purpose of inspecting meat for sale and in connection with the registration of these premises under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. In addition, 82 inspections were made to shop premises, mainly in connection with food storage and general cleanliness. The undermentioned foodstuffs were condemned and surrendered, after being examined and found to be unfit for human consumption.

7 pigs' heads	...	159lbs.	Pork	...	...	36½lbs.
1 ox head	...	10lbs.	Beef	...	...	131lbs.
Ox liver	...	19lbs.	Eggs	...	...	859
Sheep liver	...	5lbs.	1,112 tins of various foodstuffs.			
Pigs' liver	...	25lbs.				

The carcasses of 212 pigs slaughtered by owners for their own consumption were inspected.



## INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

In addition to the usual routine enquiries being made on the occurrence of a case of infectious disease, terminal disinfection was carried out at 83 houses during the year.

Number of School Exclusion Notices sent—45.

## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year the following Schools were visited for the purpose of immunisation against Diphtheria : Earley ; Twyford Polehampton Boys' and Girls' ; Wargrave Crazies Hill C.E., Piggot C.E. Mixed and Infants ; Wokingham Without Forest Road C.E. ; Woodley C.E., Senior Council. The total number of children thus immunised was 1,268, including those of pre-school age and evacuees. At other centres an additional number of 859 children were dealt with, making the grand total for the year 2,127.

Visits *re* Diphtheria immunisation to Schools—86.

The following tables summarise the position in regard to notifiable and other infectious diseases during the year :—

TABLE I.  
NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR, 1941.  
(*other than Tuberculosis.*)

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Total cases notified.</i>	<i>Cases ad- mitted to Hospital.</i>	<i>Deaths of notified cases.</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever ... ..	5	5	0
Diphtheria ... ..	11 (3)	11	0
Dysentery ... ..	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica ... ..	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Typhoid and Paratyphoid) ... ..	0	0	0
Erysipelas ... ..	2	0	0
Malaria ... ..	1 (1)	1	0
Measles ... ..	680 (9)	11	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... ..	1	1	0
Pneumonia ... ..	41 (14)	7	3
Polio-myelitis ... ..	3	2	1
Puerperal Fever ... ..	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever ... ..	55 (5)	35	0
Smallpox ... ..	0	0	0
Whooping Cough ... ..	226 (6)	0	2

Brackets ( ) indicate cases that occurred in institutions and hospitals ; they are included in the totals given.

TABLE II.

AGE IN YEARS OF NOTIFIED CASES, 1941.

<i>Disease.</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>0-</i>	<i>1-</i>	<i>2-</i>	<i>3-</i>	<i>4-</i>	<i>5-</i>	<i>10-</i>	<i>15-</i>	<i>20-</i>	<i>35-</i>	<i>45-</i>	<i>65+</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever		-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	-	-	-
Diphtheria ...	...	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	1	5	-	-	1
Erysipelas ...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Malaria ...	...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Measles ...	...	10	32	49	55	60	382	45	22	21	3	-	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia ...	...	-	1	-	1	1	2	2	3	11	4	10	6
Polio-myelitis ...	...	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Scarlet Fever ...	...	-	-	1	2	-	23	17	8	2	2	-	-
Whooping Cough ...	...	9	16	19	27	31	96	19	1	6	1	-	1

TABLE III.

LIST OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE FIVE YEARS, 1937—1941.

<i>Disease.</i>					<i>1937</i>	<i>1938</i>	<i>1939</i>	<i>1940</i>	<i>1941</i>
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	7	5
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	12	27	38	63	11
Encephalitis Lethargica			...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)					4	3	0	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	6	7	4	17	2
Malaria	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	1
*Measles	...	...	...	...	—	—	0	145	680
Ophthalmia Neonatorum			...	...	3	1	0	4	1
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	28	16	17	21	41
Polioencephalitis		...	...	...	0	2	0	0	0
Polio-myleitis		...	...	...	0	7	4	1	3
Puerperal Fever		...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia		...	...	...	0	3	0	4	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	22	71	52	49	55
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	0	0	0	0	0
*Whooping Cough		...	...	...	—	—	9	12	226

\* Not notifiable until 1939.

## TUBERCULOSIS.

It was not necessary to take any specific action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (compulsory discontinuance of employment), or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925 (compulsory removal of patient to institution), now included in Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and of all deaths from this disease whether the cases have been notified or not during the current year are set out in the table below.

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

<i>Age Periods.</i>	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	<i>Pulmonary.</i>		<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>		<i>Pulmonary.</i>		<i>Non-Pul'y.</i>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5 years ...	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	1
5—15 „ ...	—	2	2	3	—	—	—	—
15—25 „ ...	—	4	1	3	—	2	—	1
25—35 „ ...	4	4	1	2	—	—	—	1
35—45 „ ...	3	5	—	—	1	—	—	—
45—55 „ ...	3	1	—	1	1	—	—	—
55—65 „ ...	5	—	—	—	3	1	—	—
65 and over ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Totals</i> ...	16	16	6	11	5	3	—	3

Percentage of non-notified cases amongst total fatal cases—3 out of 11=27.27%.







